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ROOSEVELT IN 1904.

PRESIDENT ALREADY IS LAYING PLANS TO GET NOMINATION.

How Fact Leaked Out-One Southern Office-holder Declares Hanna Is His First Choice-The Boldness of the declaration Pleases the President, who will Reappoint Him for Another Term-Southern Republicans Will Undoubtedly Support the Ohio Senator If He Seeks Presidential Honors, Because He Has kept His Pledges.

The President not only desires a renomination by the next Republican National Convention, but with his customary frankness he is not averse to letting that fact be known. His ambition has recently become manifest in an interesting episode. Judson W. Lyons, the colored man who is register of the Treasury, was appointed by President McKinley about four years ago. His term will soon expire. He is naturally desirous of continuing in office, the administration of which, under him, has been without ground for criticism. A few days ago he was visited by a prominent New York Republican, who is a personal friend of the President, and was questioned as to his attitude regarding the next Republican Presidential nominee. Mr. Lyons is one of the most influential Southern negroes and can undoubtedly influence the delegation of his state.

I suppose Mr. Lyons is quoted as saying to his visitor, "that you represent the President. I can only say that if he is a candidate for renomination I shall be glad to support him, unless," added Mr Lyons, "one other Republican desires to be named as the Republican candidate for President. If Senator Hanna seeks that honor, I must and will support him, whether I retain my present position or not"

It is said that this conversation, being repeated to the President, was accepted by him in the most generous spirit. "I admire a man who is loyal to his friends," the President is said to have remarked. "I have nothing to fear from a man like Mr. Lyons. He will be reappointed." And the President not only made this remark to the New York friend who acted as his spokesman, but has taken occasion to repeat it to many of his friends who have chatted with him at the White House.

Forming Lines for Renomination.

The interest and importance of this occurrence is not that a Treasury official is to retain his position. It is, rather, that the President is boldly and openly forming his lines for the renomination which he desires. It shows, too, that he has his eye upon the Southern delegates, who cast fully one-third of the vote of a Republican National Convention. He has learned, however, that in the South Senator Hanna is strongly intrenched and that it will be difficult to dislodge the Ohio Senator from the regard which the Southern Republicans entertain for him

Senator Hanna personally superintended the selection of Southern delegates who went to St. Louis in 1896 They were all pledged to McKinley, and after they had voted for him, returned to their homes to eventually receive the federal offices which had been promised them. It is said of Mr. Hanna that every one of the ante convention pledges made by him has been redeemed. As a natural result, he has the devoted following of all the Southern Republicans, who have received from him the faire t treatment, provided they were KcKinley men, that they could ask. In many cases the redemption of these ante-convention promises led to some opposition in the Senate—notably in the New Orleans appointments, but no one could even intimate that Mr. Hanna had not performed his full duty in each instance,

Hanna's Strength in the South.

More than this, Mr. Hanna, as chairman of the Republican National Committee, is the referee in regard to appointments in the Southern States where there are no Republican Senators or Representatives in Congress. This position has brought him into close touch with all of the Southern Republicans, and he has acted with great tact and impartiality. Consequently, there is little doubt that if all the office-holders in the South were sounded, as was Mr. Lyons, their answers would be similar to that of the Register of the Treasury. If Mr. Hanna is a candidate for the Presidency, the Republican delgations from the South will rally as one man to his support.

President Roosevelt is an avowed candidate for renomination. Senator Hanna, who has made no announcement, and who, in fact, depreciates all gossip which connects his name with the office of President, has already a strong nucleus of vote if he cares to enter the lists. The situation is, to say the least, one of more than passing interest.

JIM CROW CARS.

Citizens Meet.

The Vermont Avenue Baptist church, between Q and R streets, was crowded last Monday night at a meeting of the Afro-American Council, held to take action on the bill introduced by Representative Edward Morrell, of Pennsylvania, prohibiting railroad officials from separating passengers on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The meeting was addressed by ex-Congressman George H. White of North Carolina; Rev. George W. Lee, pastor of the Vetmont Avenue Baptist Church; J. H. Hayes and others. After the speaking the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the "Jim Crow" car law now in vogue in several of the Southern States is a blow aimed at the civil rights of American citizens, with a view to inconvenience and humiliate the colored people of the United States, who, at all times, and under all circumstances, have been loyal to the government, and excelled by none in their support of the flag, whether assailed at home or in foreign lands.

Resolved, that the colored people have done nothing to merit such unjust treatment, and they appeal to the powers that be to right the wrong there inflicted as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Hon. Edward Morrel, at the present session of Congress, prohibiting rail road officials from separating passengers on account of race or color, is a just measure, and should be enacted into law at the earliest practicable moment; and we urge all patriotic and fair minded citizens, irrespective of race, color, or party affiliation, to join with us in petitioning Congress to pass the Morrell bill at once.

WOMEN'S GOOD WORK.

On Wednesday evening, March 5th, in spite of the extreme inclement weather, a large number of women from all sections of the city and suburban towns wended their way to the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, M street near 16th street, N. W., to attend a mass meeting under the auspices of the Women's Association of the above church. At 8:30 o'clock, Miss Mattie R. Bowen called the meeting to orde and conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Julia Mason Layton was elected secretary. After which she introduced in a very pleasing manner, Mrs. J. Selone Yates, President of the National Association of Colored Women, Mrs. Yates is from Kansas Missouri and has been in the city for the last three weeks, where she ably represented the race in the National Council of Women and Mothers' Congress. Before Mrs. Yates arose to speak Miss Bowen spoke of the vices that seemed prevalent among our young people and made an earnest appeal for Parent's meetings in the schools, and Mother's clubs throughout the whole District, so that our busy mothers who have to bear so many burdens may be helped in many ways.

Mrs. Yates outlined the work being accomplished through this able body of colored women.

She said the organization was only five years old and yet it represented 10000 active women scattered throughout 26 states of the Union. In 8 of them there are State Federations, and in St. Louis, Cleveland and a few other large western cities there are city Federations. The Association is classifying the work and forming Departments under a general superintendent. Already they have a Department of Literature, one of Art, a W. C. T. U. Department, Mother's Clubs, an Art Needle Work Department, a Department of Music of the higher grade and endeavoring as near as possible to do away with the ragtime music, a Domestic Science Department, and hope very soon to form others. She spoke of the Motto of the Association, "Lifting as we Climb." She said that every week new clubs are joining and that the borders are rapidly being spread. She spoke for about 45 minutes and every thought expressed was a golden one.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, one of the most prominent W. C. T. U. workers in the country was the next speaker. As usual she made an interesting talk. She spoke at length upon her travels and the condition of our people in the south and the valuable assisistance being rendered and the great good accomplished through the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Social Purity Clubs. She has spent six months out of each year, save one, since 1894 travelling and organizing Unions. She made a special note of the excellent work being done by the Phyllis Wheatly Club of Detroit, Michigan. She spoke of the club started by Mrs. Lottie E. Wilson, who is now in Washington organizing an Art Students League and also of Mrs B T Washington's excellent work among the women round and about Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mrs. Julia Mason Layton of National reputation in the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, spoke next on the urgent need of united effort in the city of Washington and made an earnest appeal that the women of our race start afresh and see to it that Day Nurseries and Kindergartens be established and maintained in every section of the city, thus rendering valuable assistance to the working women.

Mrs. Arthur Gray gave an interesting account of her experiences for the last three or four years in Mother's Clubs and the great good accomplished through them.

Mrs. R. Lawson, National Organizer of the W. C. T. U., made a pleasing report on the good being done through her branch of work

Miss A. V Thompkins of the Woman's League of Washington spoke on training the boys to do the work around the home as well as the girls.

Miss Mattie Bowen of all around fame spoke of the Sojourner Truth Home and the uphill work of carrying it on; how she had struggled on almost alone to keep it agoing She spoke of the vice that seemed prevalent among our young people.

All the speakers were listened to and loudly plauded. Before the meeting closed the following clubs pledged that at their next weekly or monthly meeting to bring the matter up of joining the National Association and assured Mrs. Yates that in about four weeks all would be bona fide members: National Sewing Council—Mrs. Tancil President, Metropolitan A. M. E Mite Society and King's Daughters, Mrs D. Hill (wife of the pastor of Metropolitan Church). who at this juncture made a very nice talk as to what she hoped to accomplish for the Association through the Church Clubs.

The W C.T. of 19th Street Baptist Church—Mrs. Lawson, President, five other Unions in other sections of city through Mrs. R setta Douglass Sprague, the Mother's Club of 19th St. Baptist Church and several others.

The Sojourner Truth Home has already paid their initiation fee into the N. A. C. W $1 75 was collected as subscription fees to the National Association Notes, the official organ of that body.

Miss Bowen also received a donation of $5 00 for the Sojourner Truth Home a home for working girls. A bounteous repast was served, and after a pleasant chat around the table all went home feeling determined to do more in the future for the ignorant, needy and unfortunate of our race.

Miss Bowen received a donation of $5 00 from a lady who will not allow her name to be mentioned here.

"I am for Senator Hanna for President, If he is a Candidate—He keeps his promises"—J. W. LYONS.

AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Brief Sketch of the Officers of the National American Republican League of the United States.

From the Indianapolis, Ind., Freeman.

The National Afro-American Republican League of the United States will meet at Springfield, Ohio, August 7, 1902. We here give a brief sketch of the officers, and who they are and what they are doing, as they are now carrying on a great work:

John G. Jones of Chicago, Ill., who is president, is a prominent practicing lawyer at the Chicago bar, and has taken an active interest in Republican politics for over a quarter of a century, and is now a member of the Legislature of the State of Illinois from the Fifth Senatorial District of Chicago, he having been elected on the Presidential ticket of November 6, 1900, and took his seat at Springfield in the House of Representatives on the 9th of Jan. 1901. Mr. Jones is one of the leading colored men in the country, and is a man of honor integrity and ability.

H. C. Smith, first vice president, of Cleveland, Ohio, is an ex member of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, he having served in the legislature and having been re elected for three terms. He is the recognized leading colored man in the State of Ohio. No man has ever done so much to advance, elevate and protect the rights of the colored people in the State of Ohio as H.C. Smith. He is editor of the Cleveland Gazette.

W. A. Pledger, the second vice-president, resides at Atlanta, Ga He is one of the leading colored men of the South, and is chairman of the Republican State Central Committe of Georgia, and is a practicing attorney at the bar. He has lived in the South for many years, and stands high in the estimation of the people. He is the editor of the Atlanta Age.

J. E Hawkins, third vice-president, resides at Seattle, Wash., and is one of the leading lawyers of that city. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee of that State, and is connected with a number of enterprises for the elevation and progress of his race, upon all matters relative to the welfare of the colored people through out his State and that section of the country; he is the recognized leader and representative for them.

James A Guy, fourth vice-president, has resided at Topeka, Kas., for a number of years. He is one of the leading colored men of that State. He has taken an active interest in the Republican campaign for a number of years. He is one of the leading lawyers of that city, and was for several years the deputy county attorney of that county. He is a bright, brilliant, active man.

A. M. Thomas, the fifth vice president, lives in Buffalo, N. Y. He is one of the prominent colored men of Western New York, and a man highly respected at Buffalo. He is a lawyer by profession, and during several Republican campaigns, both tate and National he has made a number of speeches in the interest of the Republican party No colored man stands higher in the estimation of the people of Buffalo, N. Y., than A. M. Thomas.

W R Morris, sixth vice president, is a brilliant lawyer at the bar at Minneapolis, Minn., and is recoguized to be one of the most scholarly colored men in America. He is the most prominent colored men in Minnesota, and at every county and State convention he is elected a delegate to the Republican convention, city county and State. He is an exellent gentleman and has the confidence and respect of the people everywhere.

George L. Knox, of Indianapolis, Ind., is the general treasurer of the National Afro-American Republican League No colored man in the State of Indiana stands higher in the estimation of the people than Geo. L. Knox. Mr. Knox is the editor and owner of The Indianapolis Freeman at Indianapolis, Ind. He has been a delegate to every State convention of the Republicans for a number of years. President Harrison offered Mr. Knox an important foreign position, but Mr. Knox declined the honor.

W. Calvin Chase, who is the general secretary, has resided at Washington, D.C., for a number of years. He is a lawyer and veteran Republican. He has grown gray in the service of the party in Washington, D.C. He has the confidence and respect of all the people, and has been president of a large Republican organization in Washington for sometime. He is a splendid gentleman and a man who can be relied upon at all times. He is the editor of the Wasington Bee, and during the last National Republican compaign Mr. Chase rendered valuable service for the success of the Republican party.

J. L. Thompson, of Des Moines, Iowa, who is one of the assistant secretaries, has resided in that city for some time. He is a practicing attorney at the bar in that State, and a lawyer of excellent ability, and a man who is honored and respected. He is the editor of the Iowa State Bystander, which is published at Des Moines, Iowa.

John A. Bell, one of the assistant secretaries, lives at Grand Rapids, Mich. He is one of the active and leading colored Republicans in that section of the country. He was the first colored man to be appointed on a jury in that city He is connected with a number of societies, and is the Imperial Grand Recorder of the Imperial Grand Council of the Colored Shriners of North and South America. He is a man of honor and integrity.

With these leading and prominent colored men now at the helm in Republidan politics among the colored people in the United States, we look forward with pleasing expectation that they will accomplish much good in the interest of the colored people of this country.

EUGENE FIELDS.

Round the Smoke-Room Fire.

Douser—My wife, sir, oh! if you knew her, you'd say my wife is one woman in 50,000.

Mouser—And my wife, sir, ah! if you heard her talking to me sometimes you'd say she was 50,000 women in one.—Ally Sloper.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S PARTY

How he Expects to Live up to the Negroes—Agents to be Selected in Every State.

Prof. Booker T. Washington means to organize right. It is understood that he will select colored republicans in every state in the union for the purpose of organizing political clubs. These clubs must see that administration delegates are elected to the next National Republican Convention. In the District of Columbia, Prof. Terrell, E M. Hewlett and others have been and will be selected to organize. Just when they will begin it has not as yet been decided. Prof. Washington will be in town in a few days then the little fish will swim to him and receive their orders. Then they will begin to spawn and other little fish will begin to grow and be swallowed by the big fish and a dainty meal they will be at that.

DISTINGUISHED MEN CALLED.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D. editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, one of the brainiest editors in the country, was in to see The Bee on Monday accompanied by Rev. J. P. Wragg, B. D., of South Alanta, Ga. Both of these distinguished gentlemen were members of the Methodist Conference that recently met at the Asbury M. E. Church.

Revs. Earnest Lyons and Singleton Hughes of Baltimore, Md, called and paid their respects to The Bee. Rev. Lyons is a linguist and Rev. Hughes is an orator and a scholar.

Rev. Hayes of Baltimore, Md., was in the city last week. Rev. Hayes is no stranger to the people of this city.

A WONDERFUL GANDER.

Guards His Master's Person and Protects His Property Better Than Any Dog.

James Rice, of Chicopee, Mass., is the owner of a gander that guards his house and yard on Exchange street in his absence better than most dogs could. How effectually Billy does his duty is attested by the fact that a short time ago he drove Patrick Malone, a well-known local character, out of the yard, biting him so severely that he applied to the police for a warrant for the arrest of Billy or Mr. Rice, but the police refused to have anything to do with the matter.

Rice is more than six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds, but Billy is usually on hand to protect him if necessary, following him about the city streets—and even going along in the wagon, when his master visits his farm near Fairview cemetery, a mile from home. Billy will never allow any one to even take hold of his master's coat or make any motion he considers threatening.

Billy sleeps on the back steps of the house in summer and not only gives warning when tramps come into the yard, but attacks all trespassers on his master's estate. He knows the letter carrier, the milkman and the iceman, and even lets the garbage man come into the yard. He is easily the boss of the yard.

Rice attributes Billy's superior intelligence to the long talks they have had together. Billy squawks an answer to all questions Rice asks him concerning the property. A year ago, when Rice was sick for several weeks, he used to talk to the bird by the hour, and since then Rice has said that he will never kill Billy, but will let him die a natural death.

Billy raps on the door in the morning until his master comes downstairs, so Rice can dispense with the service of an alarm clock.

matrimony in Chicago.

"Do you think marriage in Chicago is a success?"

"No; it's a succession."—Town Topics.

The End.

"They say he played a fine game of golf until he was married."

"Well, you know no man can serve two masters!"—Puck.

A Definition.

"Pa, what is a diplomat?"

"A diplomat, my son, is a liar who does not get found out."—Chicago Journal.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Rules and Regulations.

1. The object of the National Afro-American Republican League of the United States, will be to educate and instruct the people in Republican Politics, and organize Republican Clubs to distribute literature and to arouse an interest among the colored people and to work for the interests, advancement and success of the Republican party.

2. The number to organize a subordinate Republican Club shall not be less than 15. Each club shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-President. Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five.

3. Each Republican Club that has been permanently organized will be entitled to one delegate in the Annual Session of the National Afro American Republican League of the United States.

4. Each Republican Club will send in a list of the officers and members of their club once a year to the President and General Secretary.

The Next Annual Session of the National Afro-American Republican League of the United States will meet August 15th, 1902, at Springfield, Ohio.

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DR. RAYBURN AND SUFFRAGE

HE OPPOSES THE PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

He Takes Issues with Commissioner Macfarland and Declares That it is the Worst Form of Government in the Country.

There was an appreciative audience present at the Second Baptist church Lyceum on last Sunday afternoon to listen to a paper by Dr. Rayburn entitled: "A History of our Government." He gave a brief history of the government in the District of Columbia from its foundation to the present time. He said, among other things, that the right of suffrage was stolen from the people and kept from them without their consent, He took issue with Commissioner H. B. Macfarland who had declared, said Dr, Rayburn that the present form of governmept in the District of Columbia is the best in the country. It is the worst remarked Dr, Rayburn and Mr. Macfarland ought wait and allow the people to pass upon his system of government. Notwithstanding his missionary work, he has failed to convince any one that his government or administration is a success The present form of government, remarked Dr. Rayburn, is an imposition upon the people. They are taxed without representation and the rich real estate men are made richer while the poor people are made poorer. Over three hundred thousand people here have nothing to say in the conduct of affairs. Congress, remarked Dr. Rayburn, has not the time to give the proper consideration to the people in the District. What is needed is a representative in Congress and a legislature, a lower and an upper house Concluding his speech he said that the Knights of Labor throughout the country had taken an interest and they intended to see that such men are sent to Congress who are favorable to the restoration of the right of suffrage in this city. The paper was discussed by Mr. John P. Green. who paid a high compliment to Dr. Rayburn and urged upon the people to agitate the question. Ex-Congressman White in discussing the paper spoke about the Jim Crow car law that was taking a hold in the body politic and thought that the people in this city were in as dangerous position as the people of North Carolina. Mr. W. Calvin Chase said that the right of suffrage in this city had not been stolen from the people; but, it was asked to be taken away because of the corrupt methods that were inaugurated under the Bowen administration and the election of a Democratic mayor Mr. G. Emory. The negroes themselves voted for the democratic mayor and were not satisfied, why they were getting every thing they wanted under the Bowen administration- Laborers upon the street were receiving two dollars per day. We had police and fire commissioners and yet the negro voted for the democratic mayor who was elected It was then that the enemies of Bowen, negro and white republicans appealed to Congress to take away the election franchise. The republicans, that is the moneyed ones, saw the opportunity to keep negroes out of office and abolish both branches of the legislature, continued to advocate a territorial form of government, until today we are ruled and controled by the Commissioners backed up by a Board of Trade that is inimcal to suffrage. It was the negroes' fault. The exercises were interspersed with music by Miss White and others.

WISDOM OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

I came sore and conquered.

The lungs are organs of execration.

A watershed is a shed for keeping water in.

Stored in some trouser-house of mighty kings.

Pig iron is what they make the nose rings for pigs of.

His brain was seething with grand ideas in all directions.

If the earth did not revolt we should always have equal nights and days.

A volcano is a burning mountain that has a creator and throws out melted rocks.

The blood in the body is taken by means of tubs to the heart and there detained.

The priest of Midian reproved his daughters for not inviting Moses to come to tea.

When Moses' mother hid him in the ark among the bulwarks she did not forget to give the baby its bottle.—Longman's Magazine.

Two Survivors of 1800.

Claremont, N. H., has two citizens born early in the year 1800, and who will soon celebrate the one hundred and second anniversary of their birth. Both are comparatively active men, and one continues to enjoy skating. They have the appearance of men of 75 or 80. At the age of 62 one enlisted in a New Hampshire regiment and served three years.

Governed by Trades Unions.

Ansonia, Conn., a thriving manufacturing town, is governed in every department by officials belonging to trades unions. The mayor is a working carpenter. Official meetings are held at night and no one is at the city hall during the day, except the janitor.

HUNTING IN AFRICA.

The Sport Is Full of Exciting Situations and Incidents.

Native in Pursuit of an Ostrich Is Stalked by Lions—Escapes by Accidental Discharge of Gun and Unusual Garb.

For the first time in nearly 11 years William F. Fagin, of Chicago, has written to a member of his family. Fagin has been a wanderer on the face of the earth for the last ten years and has lived and worked in every continent except Europe and North America.

He came into his money the day he became 21, and immediately made tracks for parts unknown. Reports of him have always come accidentally from those who have happened to meet him. He has written but one letter since he left home, and that was received within a fortnight by his married sister, Mrs. J. B. Thomas, of Boulder, Col.

It begins without preface or explanation, as if he had been a regular correspondent, and is as follows:

"Damaraland, Africa, Nov. 4, 1901.—Dear Ellen: It was in the expectation of finding ostrich feathers that I visited this great thirst-land. I have myself only succeeded in killing two of the birds, though my followers have done better—and of course have brought in their kills to me. I do not think any sportsman or traveler will differ from me when I state that there is no game so difficult to stalk as is this gigantic member of the feathered tribe. Its speed is marvelous; when going at its best pace you can no more distinguish the movement of its legs than you can the spokes in the wheels of a rapidly-moving carriage. It is gifted, also, with extraordinary powers of endurance, and a four or five-mile burst seems only a 'breather.' I had some of the best greyhounds that could be procured at home. In pursuit of ostriches they were absolutely nowhere. My horses I prided myself on, but I should have deemed

STALKED BY TWO LIONS.

myself a fit subject for incarceration in a lunatic asylum should I have attempted to gallop one of these birds down.

"When in Damaraland I had in my employment a 'Bastaro' named Swartz. He was a plucky fellow, an excellent hunter and up to the wiles and trickery of every description of game. A number of gemsbok had beeen seen about the wagons at break of day; so, after providing himself with a goodly piece of biltong and drinking a cup of coffee, he proceeded to the westward in the hope of adding some fresh meat to a reduced larder. About midday he returned, looking anything but the happy darky who had so gayly departed a few hours before. Naturally I demanded an explanation—a reason for this sudden change; but a long time elapsed before I received an answer, and then his tongue was only loosened by my giving him a large 'tot' of 'Cape smoke.'

"In unusually good stalking ground he came across some gemsbok with a fine old cock ostrich in their society. Such a bird being worth £100, he resolved to do his level best to get within as short a range as possible of the prize. With the utmost care he wormed himself from one ant hill to another, till he all but considered that success was a certainty. Then he rested, to see that the powder was up in the nipple of his old muzzle-loader and to replace the old cap with a fresh one, but, while thus engaged, he chanced to look behind him, and to his horror discovered that while he had been stalking the ostrich he himself had been stalked by two lions, at the moment not 30 yards in his rear. In the excitement the gun went off, not aimed at anything, but probably the fusillade saved my henchman's life, for the lions, on hearing it, rose from their crouched position, stared at him for a few moments and then slowly retired. How he was followed so far without being attacked I can only account for by his being clothed and in such an unusual position that the lions mistook him for some unknown beast."

Strange Mixture of Terms.

Church news and gambling terms are curiously commingled in the following item, which appears in the religious column of a paper in Hutchinson, Kan.: "The Baptist church at Leoti will lose its pastor because another church has raised the ante. The Leoti people refuse to call the raise, and will stay out and draw another pastor."

VICTIM OF JEALOUSY.

Paris Husband Imprisoned in a Cage Because His Wife Loved Him All Too Fondly.

Three days and three nights locked in a cage simply because his wife loved him all too fondly, have proved too much for M. Ravelote, a citizen of Paris, and he has applied to the courts for an absolute divorce.

According to M. Ravelote's story, the jealous rage of his wife caused her to have built in a distant room of the house a steel cage strong enough to hold a desert lion. He knew nothing of this until one day the wife, the coachman and a powerful maid servant pounced upon him and dragged him to this distant cell. He was thrust into

CROCKERY BEGAN TO FLY.

it, the door slammed and locked, and he was held a prisoner there until the woman who so innocently had excited Mme. Ravelote's jealousy had left Paris.

Even then Ravelote says that he would not have been released had his brother not chanced to call and insist upon seeing him. In the long days and nights in which he was locked up the complainant says that he was left to sleep without covering, on the bare floors of the cage, while food was passed to him through the steel bars.

In his bill of complaint Ravelote admits the sincerity of his wife's affection. He insists only that its accompanying unreasonable jealousies are intolerable to him. The storm which led to the building of the steel cage, he says, burst three months ago. One morning he remarked at breakfast in the most casual way that a young woman whom he had known as a boy was coming to Paris. In an instant, he says, crockery began to fly all about the room, doing great damage and seriously endangering his life. Peace was made only after he had promised not to see the young woman while she was in the capital. The building of the cage and his imprisonment followed.

ROUTED BY SPARROWS.

Hundreds of Hungry Birds Have a Peck at an Aged New York Farmer's Bald Head.

According to a Middletown (N. Y.) correspondent, Theodore Davis, an aged farmer of Pitt's Hollow, is suffering from an onslaught of English sparrows, which inflicted numerous wounds about his head and face.

Davis was crossing a field some distance from his house when he encountered a large flock of the birds. They arose from the ground as the farmer made his appearance and circled about his head, obstructing his vision. Then the birds began pecking at Davis, and in his efforts to escape the flock his hat fell off, exposing his bald head, which also

HIS HAT FELL OFF.

proved a target for the ferocious little creatures.

With blood issuing from the wounds on his head and face the aged farmer finally succeeded in making his escape, and, nearly exhausted from his experience, slowly made his way home, where his wounds were dressed.

Davis says it appeared to him as though there were many hundreds of the birds about him, and they were proof against all his attacks. He believes hunger caused them to make the attack.

There Are Falls and Falls.

An American traveler visited the Niagara skating rink, in London, not long ago. He watched the performance for some time, and then he turned to his companions and host. "Wa'al," he said, "I've seen our Niagara, and now I've seen yours. Our show is very fine and imposing, but I guess your falls are more amusing."

Announcement
—OF—
Vight, Jeweler,
725 SEVENTH STREET N. W.
(Next to Johnson's Grocery)

I beg to announce that I have just returned from New York, where have made extensive purchases in Jewelery and Silverware. The same have rived, are unpacked, and ready for your inspection.

Ladies' 14k, Solid Gold Watches, $20; sold elsewhere; $25
Ladies' Solid Gold Rings, $1, $1.50, $2.50 and $3.50; worth twice the price;
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Treasures of the Aztecs.

Explorers in the neighborhood of Chama, Guatemala, have discovered treasures during their excavations in search of mines. Coins and jewels, decorating corpses buried centuries ago by the Aztecs and Montezumas, have been found. So far the valuables have amounted to over $50,000. Workmen on the Chama plantations are wild, and have abandoned their usual work to hunt for buried treasures.

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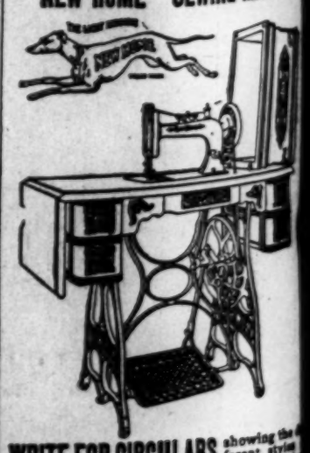

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Gen. Bernardo Reyes, President Diaz' Probable Successor.

At Present He Is Minister of War and One of the Strongest Political and Social Leaders of Our Sister Republic.

If Gen. Porfirio Diaz resigns the office of president of Mexico he will be succeeded by Gen. Bernardo Reyes, the present minister of war. If President Diaz should die suddenly while in office he would likewise be succeeded by Gen. Reyes. The accession to the presidency of Mexico, if accomplished by Gen. Reyes through the resignation of his chief, would be a comparatively peaceful event. Should he secure the office through the sudden death of the present incumbent he will do so under circumstances which will give rise to some alarms in foreign countries whose citizens are interested financially in Mexico maintaining her present political stability.

The story that President Diaz is about to resign has again gone the rounds of the press of the United States. It is a familiar story, and as it is based upon a perfectly logical outcome of the present situation in Mexico, it is readily accepted. It is not believed by those who know the president of Mexico that he is anxious to lay down the tremendous and autocratic power which he has exercised so wisely and so long. He realizes, however, that he is getting to be an old man. He also realizes that, owing to the peculiar character of his people and the autocratic form of government which prevails in Mexico under the name of a republic, that the will of the people is not expressed at the ballot box, and that a new reign cannot be inaugurated as in the greater and truer republic to the north.

If President Diaz resigns it will be because the love of his country, which is strong within him, is greater than his desire to continue to wield the scepter.

Gen. Bernardo Reyes first came into political prominence as the governor of

GEN. BERNARDO REYES.
(Mr. Diaz' Probable Successor as President of Mexico.)

the Mexican state of Nueva Leon, of which Monterey, the most thoroughly Americanized Mexican city, is the prosperous capital. There are over 2,000 Americans living in Monterey, or more than are to be found as permanent residents in the City of Mexico, although the latter is ten times as large as Monterey. Being near the northern boundary of Mexico, and in the zone of operations where American capital has found its freest outlet, the natives of Monterey are thoroughly familiar with the character and customs of the people of the United States. The latter have come to Monterey, paved the streets, put in electric light plants, built factories and planted orange groves in the suburbs, drained the city upon scientific principles, built handsome residences, extended the railroad facilities and made a specialty of entertaining tourists. The stores, the cafes, the banks, and, in fact, all of the industries of Monterey, have found their greatest profit in handling American money.

Gen. Reyes is short of stature, a typical Spanish-American in appearance, quick of action and rapid in speech. He has a magnetic personality, which especially appeals to the young men of his country, and he has long been their idol. As president of the Society of Students in the City of Mexico he has presided at many turbulent meetings, where 2,000 voices united in hailing him as the next president of the republic. Had he willed he could have turned his power to serious account in disturbing the present peaceful condition of his country, but with all his self-esteem, of which it is said he has considerable, his head has never been so turned as to lead him into such deplorable folly.

It is said that President Diaz kept himself well informed as to the doings of this governor of Nueva Leon, and that the real reason for Gen. Reyes being made minister of war and being brought to the City of Mexico was to give him a better sense of perspective and to show him that there were others as strong or stronger than himself within the government circle. He proved an apt pupil, however, and it is believed that his association with Gen. Diaz and others of great ability, like Limonteur, the minister of finance, has brought wisdom to this fiery general and curbed his sentimental appreciation of his own merits.

He is not the same character of man, however, as President Diaz, says the Washington Star, and it is an extremely interesting possibility of the future that it may be found Mexico's stability has rested largely in the stability of the character and genius of the president who rules to-day.

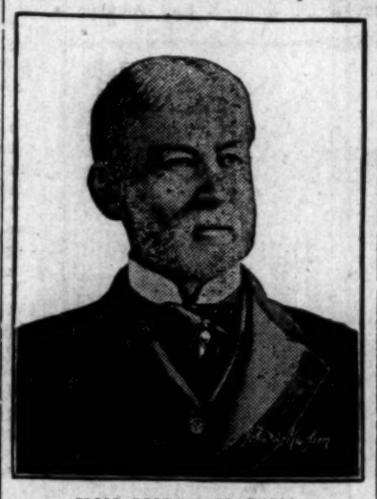
PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

Its Significance Explained by John A. Kasson, Ex-Minister to the German Court.

John A. Kasson, the only living ex-minister to Germany, discussing the visit of Prince Henry to this country, has said:

"The visit is significant in that it marks a purpose on the part of his imperial majesty the German emperor to signalize his friendly feeling for the United States.

"There is a growing commercial rivalry between the Americans and the Germans. They are close competitors in many markets, and it is a matter of common knowledge that ill-advised utterances of hasty and irresponsible writers and speakers



HON. JOHN A. KASSON.
(Only Living Ex-Minister to the Court of Germany.)

have at times tended to sharpen this competition.

"By this visit of Emperor William's brother an epoch of courteous and amicable endeavor is inaugurated. It will be impossible hereafter to charge any animosity to the German government on account of the natural striving of the German people to excel in their commercial enterprises.

"It has become the custom of governments in Europe to mark these eras of international cordiality by such visits. The compliment intended is not only directed to the president and his administration, but to the whole people of the United States. There is no doubt that Americans, without regard to party, will receive this visit in the same amicable spirit which made its conception possible. There is such a large percentage of the citizenship of this country of German extraction that a cordial reception was assured in any circumstances; but the fact that the whole people understand the chivalric intentions of the German emperor will add to the pleasure and cordiality incident to the entertainment of Prince Henry.

"I would not like to say more than that this visit will maintain a friendly international spirit, although it will in no wise restrict the mutual competitive efforts to master the markets of the world through excellence of product."

INDIANA MAN WANTED.

First Assistant Postmaster Generalship Offered to Harry S. New by the President.

Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, a member of the executive committee of the republican national committee, has been offered the place of first assistant postmaster general, to succeed William M. Johnson, of New Jersey, who has resigned. Mr. New is a native of Indianapolis, where he has been the publisher of the Indian-

COL. HARRY S. NEW.
(Indiana Editor Who Has Been Offered Important Position.)

apolis Journal for several years. He has been a member of the Indiana state senate since 1896, and served as a captain in the Seventh army corps during the Spanish war. Mr. New's work as a member of the republican national committee during the last campaign brought him the thanks of President McKinley and the present president for his valuable services to the republican party. The tender was made when Mr. New was in Washington several days ago, and at the president's request he is thinking it over. Mr. New is now in Indianapolis and declines to discuss the matter.

Vast Cave in Montana.

Montana's latest natural wonder is a vast cave, which has just been discovered about 50 miles east of Butte. A large river with a cataract of about 100 feet was explored for a distance of several miles without finding its source or outlet. A few articles of stone and copper utensils and some bones were picked up in one of the large apartments explored.

ROAD CLAIMS BABY.

Railway Officials Lay Claim to Waif Left on a Train.

Will Be Reared and Educated at the Expense of Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway Company—The Girl's Story.

From Wichita, Kan., comes the admonition that if you should forget and leave your baby on the train the child thereafter legally belongs to the railway company unless you can prove your ownership in a very forcible way.

The Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway company has adopted a six-months-old baby girl left on one of their passenger trains and refuses to give it up to anyone laying claim to it, and the child now has the proud distinction of being the only baby that ever had a railroad for a parent. A man in Paris, Ill., claims that the child was given him by its mother. A woman has appeared at the children's home in Wichita and says she is its mother and wants her baby back. But the railway officials hold on tenaciously to their foundling and say they will raise it even better than any mother could do.

One of the finest wards in the Wichita children's home is set apart for Miss Okla Choctaw-Gulf, as this six-months-old foundling has been named. She has a special nurse, fine lace dresses, hoods and shoes, and, in fact, everything that money can buy. The children's home officers have been instructed to send the bill to the general offices of the Choctaw route, where the same will be honored and paid as one of the items in their expenses.

Last Friday a young woman boarded a Choctaw train at Parkerburg, Okla. She carried a large market basket, seemingly filled with bundles. The basket was placed on the seat beside her, and she left the train at Weatherford without taking the bundle along. James Grimes, 1147 North Washington avenue, Wichita, was seated behind the young woman

MOTHER WENT AWAY SOBBING.

when she arrived in and left the train. He said:

"I noticed the bundle she left on the seat, but paid no attention to it until a slight sound came from the bundle. I unwrapped the bundle and found a very bright baby girl, apparently six months old. A bundle of clothing was also attached to the basket by a heavy silken cord. On removing the baby from the basket I found a note reading:

"'I was born December 12, 1901. I have no father or mother. Please take me to Wichita, Kan., to the orphans' home.'"

According to this note the baby was but two months old, but it is certainly six months and perhaps older, said the nurses at the hospital. The finding of a baby naturally created a great deal of excitement and a number of passengers wished to adopt it. The conductor seemed more anxious to have it than anyone should it prove to have been a boy, but as it was a girl he gave it over to James Allison, of Paris, Ill. The conductor then wired headquarters, and before Mr. Allison had left the cars with his charge he was notified that the company refused to give it up. The conductor then took the child in charge, and, acting upon advice from the main office, brought it to Wichita and placed it in the home.

As yet no officer of the company has taken it upon himself to act as personal sponsor for the child, and all orders emanate from the road as a corporation. Therefore it would seem that Miss Okla is to be a child of a corporation.

Two days after the child was placed in the home at Wichita a strange young woman made her appearance and demanded that the baby be turned over to her, as she was its mother. The deaconess refused to give the baby to her and she went away sobbing.

It is quite evident that the Choctaw route intends to rear the child and make her the daughter of their destinies. She is what might be called a very pretty baby and will be a brunette. Her eyes are dark, but not black. She is a thoroughly healthy youngster, and looks as if she would grow up to be a credit to their benevolence.

Eloquent Graveyard Poetry.

A peculiar epitaph is engraved on a monument in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y. It reads thus: "Here lies the body of little Jane, who ran out slyly and played in the rain; she caught the measles and it struck inside, and in less than four short weeks she died."

TRIFLE CAUSES PANIC.

It Was Only a Baby's Shoe, Not a Terrible Mouse, That Frightened the Young Woman.

A state of panic prevailed in the home of a well-known family on one of Chicago's fashionable avenues the other evening. One of the daughters of the household was preparing to go out for the evening to a party and she was in her room donning her gown. The skirt had around the bottom some of the ruffles and other gimcracks that go to make a handsome article of dress, and as the young woman brought it up around her waist she became aware that something had attached itself to the bottom of the garment. Instantly there was a vision of

YELLED AT THE TOP OF HER VOICE.

a rat, and so she yelled at the top of her voice and made a break for an adjoining room where the other members of the family were gathered. Her shouts frightened all those present, and one jumped upon a chair, another ran for the door, a third sought safety in a corner and gathered her skirts about her, while still another grabbed the lamp either as a weapon of defense or a means of safety, and there was a general hubbub. The sister of the first frightened young woman heroically sought to help her out of the plight and caught hold to assist her upon a table to get her out of danger. While she was doing this the object of alarm fell to the floor. It was a child's shoe that had in some way become tangled in the ruffles or inserting.

It took that gathering of ladies about 20 minutes to calm their fears so that their hearts were beating at the normal rate.

DOG KILLS HIMSELF.

Miserable Over Prospect of Going to Pound, New York Canine Takes His Wretched Life.

One dog that the license officials of Mount Vernon, N. Y., will not collect a fee for was buried the other day. The dog is a suicide, having, according to the testimony of his owner, hanged himself when he heard that his master had been summoned to explain why he should not pay a license fee for the dog. The owner of the dog is Zurin Zubu, a native of Alsace-Lorraine.

Zubu was one of a number of dog owners arraigned before Judge Bennett for not taking out licenses for his canine pets.

"My dog has committed suicide," said Zubu.

DOG HAD HANGED HIMSELF.

"What do you mean?" exclaimed the judge, sternly.

"That is right, your honor. He committed suicide by hanging himself. I found him dead the morning after I was summoned to court," replied Zubu.

"You can go," said Judge Bennett, with a smile.

Zubu says he believes the dog actually anticipated that he was to be turned over to Poundmaster Lawler, and rather than meet that fate had hanged himself by twisting his chain into knots and jumping from a wagon in which he was fastened.

Horse Makes New Record.

A trotting horse in Bloomfield, N. J., named Tattler, has made a record. While housed in Theodore T. Maxfield's stable, in Franklin street, he succeeded in getting his right hind hoof in his mouth. After an hour's hard work by Edward O'Neill, a blacksmith, the animal was relieved from his uncomfortable position.

Oyster Bed in a Well.

Robert Douglas, a colored man of Paris, Tex., has an oyster bed in his well. Two years ago he brought home an oyster which was covered with little oyster shells, and one of his children threw it into the well. Now the bottom of the well is an oyster bed, and often the well bucket is found covered with young oysters.

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SPIRITUAL WEDDING.

Buxom Widow of Middle Age Becomes the Devoted Wife of a Ghostly Bridegroom.

Detroit, Mich., has been greatly stirred up in spiritualistic circles by the recent solemnization of a wedding ceremony which is one of the most remarkable and unique of modern times. It was the marriage of Mrs. Sarah Williams, a middle-aged and attractive widow, to the spirit of Theodore Comstock, a Michigan miller, who has been dead a number of years. The courtship and wedding has ben conducted under the direction of a band of guardian spirits numbering ten, and the ceremony was performed at the same time

JUST AFTER THE CEREMONY.

in the spirit world, the duties of a clergyman being assumed by the spirit of a Mrs. Wilson, who officiated through the organism of a medium, she conducting the ceremony as a minister would, only in different words.

Mr. Comstock is now engaged in the work of materialization and trumpet bearing around the room and singing hymns by a concentration of spirit forces.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung at the ceremony, while the medium was entranced. Mr. Comstock was an Englishman by birth, and a chemist, and his spirit bride says that this is why he is a fine subject for materialization, chemists being particularly susceptible to that work through good mediums. The band of spirits that guard the bride have taken Mr. Comstock in and will form a spirit lodge, controlling the movements of the newly wedded pair. In her picture Mrs. Comstock wears her bridal gown.

Figured Out.

"There is one peculiarly striking thing which I have observed during my 50 years of studying economics," said the gray-haired sage.

"And that is?"

"That the man who howls for a state of things whereby all men shall own the same amount of this world's goods is the man who has nothing, never did have anything, and wouldn't be able to keep it if he did have it."—San Francisco Bulletin.

The Modern Tantalus.

"What's de matter wif Mistuh 'Rastus Pinkly?" inquired one of the belles of the parlor society.

"He has a heap o' trouble," answered the other. "Did you eber hyuh 'bout de 'gemman in de schoolbook dat was stahvin' wif victuals in sight?"

"Yassindeed."

"Well, dat's de position Mistuh 'Rastus is in. He's been 'p'inted janitor to a poultry show."—Washington Star.

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The Effects of Lightning.

Out of every three persons struck by lightning two recover.

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A TALE OF TWO NATIONS.

An Entertaining Time at the People's Lyceum.

Wednesday evening the People's Congregational Lyceum was highly entertainted by Mr. Wm. I. Lee, a young man of ability. He read a paper entitled "A Tale Of Two Nations, England and American. The speaker, for thirty five minutes read a brief history of both countries and closed by saying Abraham Lincoln had no policy that the enmancipation of the slaves was a war measure act. After a solo by Miss Lottie Wallace, and singing by the Lyceum, the paper was open for discussion.

Attorney Jones, after having complimented the speaker, said that he took exceptions to the state ment that England finance controled the world, and that Abraham Lincoln had no policy.

He gave Mr. Lee to understand that he didn't know what he was talking about.

Attorney Frisby, Rev. Nixon and others spoke on the paper in Mr. Lee's retort, demonstrated accuracy of historical dates, facts, ect.. and made it otherwise lively for his opposers for a time. Much credit is due to the managers of the lyceum for the manner in which it is conducted,

The young lady ushers arere fined and accomodating. Mr. John D. Fossett is the president, and Attorney L. M. King vice President.

Loosing Ground.

The colored man might as well look his condition squarely in the face. He is in a condition that demands serious consideration. He is loosing the respect of those who were his friends and the confidence of one another. It is hoped that he will, retrace his steps and see that his condition is improved. No people can demand respect who do not respect themselves. The negro is loosing ground because he declines to improve his condition. He doesn't seem to be inclined to patronize each other. There was a meeting held on last Monday by Vermont ave., Baptist Church under the auspices of the Afro-American Council. This local Council is alright when it eliminates certain objectionable elements in it. When the Council removes the men who are continually after notoriety and cheap advertisment it will then improve it's condition.

Left Out.

Just why the report of the Colored Normal School was left out by the Board of Education The Bee as well as the colored citizens would like to know. If the colored Normal School is not recognized as a factor in the schools the people would like to know. Will the President of the Board of Education or Mrs. Francis or Mr. Bundy rise and explain? The Colored Normal School has always been a factor in the schools. The teacher has always been a recognized head. Whether she has given satisfaction is left to the school officers to decide. But while she is there, some report must have been made.

Why the Negro Will Not Read.

It is indeed a sad commentary that the negro will not read. When THE BEE says the negro, it means the masses. How the race expects to reach that enlightened civilization is hard to tell. There are several hundred newspapers published and edited by colored men, but for some reason the negro doesn't take to his own literature. Then again, there are hundred who do read but they don't purchase their literature but borrow it from their neighbor. It makes some negroes tired to read Some of them rather attend a "jim crow" mass meeting and "resolute" and persume than take a newspaper and read the current events of the day.

Dissatisfaction.

There is always some dissatisfaction manifiested on the part of the church people, if a good minister is taken from them It should always be the aim of Bishops who have the appointment of ministers, to reappoint a man to the same church if the people are satisfied with him it is rather a surprise to the people of Asbury and the citizens to know that Rev. Thomas is not to be returned. Rev. Thomas has been a successful man in Asbury Church and a valuable citizen in this community. It is a regret to all that he leaves Asbury.

Smallpox.

Well, thank God. The small pox emedemic cannot be blamed on the negro. And it is a very good thing that the negroes have been separated from the white, because all the smallpox has been among the white people. Not a negro has been effected with this disease thus far. Not even the dirty negro, as he is called, has been effected. In the Register of Wills office where a black face is not seen, not even a spitoon cleaner, has the smallpox made its appearance. God will send a disease some of these days that will sweep one half of these prejudice and discriminating white people off the earth.

The President's Mistake.

President Roosevelt will no doubt be convinced that he has made a grave mistake in dealing with the negro South. The Democratic party South will never be changed.

The Tillman vs. McLaurin in the Senate, fully demonstrates that fact. It is true that the President has a desire to concilliate the better Democratic feeling in the South, against the Republican party, but he will never do so. You may say what you please about the negro, but he will never disgrace himself in the Senate!

The Home News.

There is published in Alexandria, Va., a weekly newspaper called "The Home News." It is true the paper is not a large sheet, yet it deserves to be commended, and the editors congratulated, because they are young boys who are bound to succeed, and should be encouraged for their efforts. Each week there is an improvement in the publication, and the editors, F. H. M. Murray and E Hill Jr., have the congratulations of The Bee. Let more young men do likewise.

The New Policy

From the Dallas Express.

If there is a newspaper in this country that glories in strife, and whose face is always bedaubed with vermilion war-paint, that paper is the Washington Bee. Just now the Bee is loading and firing at Roosevelt, Washington & Co., the syndicate who is supposed to have a new policy for the South, which in its workings will accept white men only to hold office. And thus as time in its cycles turns into eternity we are given to know more of the strange motives which move men.

Now brother King, you must admit that THE BEE, is right. A negro is as good as a white man if his face is tinted. The new policy means death to the Southern negro. THE BEE is always happy when it is in the right. How is it with you brother King? You are after something now in this city!

Fairbanks

From the Indianapolis Freeman.

Mr. Thompson of Washington, D.C., asks the following questions:

Why Indiana is not a factor in National politics? or something to that effect. We presume he has in mind the Negroes, for it is certian that otherwise Indiana is unique at this time in its National representation. The Senior Senator, Hon Chas. W. Fairbanks, is a quantity to be reckoned with among the Warwicks, whenever the Presidency is mentioned. Outside of Ohio no other State has a formidable competitor for Mr. Roosevelt's seat.

Yes Senator Fairbanks is the Nation's choice outside of Senator Hanna. If the latter gentleman dosen't want the Presidency, Senator Fairbanks will be the man, and don't you forget it.

The Afro-American League.

One of, if not the strongest, Afro-American Republican Leagues in the United States, will meet at Springfield, Ill., next August. In another column of this paper will be found an article from the Indianapolis *Freeman* relative to this league and its officers.

Fairbanks—The Man.

From the Virginia Leader.

So far Senator Chas. W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, is the only old school Republican in the field for the Presidency in 1904. He is from a good State, and, like Benj. Harrison, he would make a good President. Public opinion throughout the United States is moving daily to a more just appreciation of men of his school.

WHAT I SAW AND HEARD

I was at the Capitol on last Wednesday and had a chat with the Sergeant-at-arms, Col. Ramsdell. The Col. is a fine looking man and and a gentleman of the first water.

I called at the Maltby building and had a chat with Dr. J. L. Jones. The doctor is a little gray, but he is the same old hustler, of old. He is busy and is, no doubt, studying politics to a finish. The doctor will have a dinner this evening on which occasion, some of the big guns will be present.

Col. Manly of Maine was at the Capitol on Wednesday, and he is for M. A. Hanna for President. Col. Manly is a great man, and a politician from way back.

There are all kinds of politicians in the city who want jobs.

Those who are for President Roosevelt's renomination will send in their names to the Roosevelt Club, managed by Prof. Booker T. Washington.

No one believes that Mr. Russell the letter carrier is guilty of the offense charged against him, and it will be fully demonstrated when the case comes up.

Recorder John C. Dancy of North Carolina, has gone South on a visit. He will return soon.

Ex-Recorder H. P. Cheatham, is doing quite well at his new home Mr. Cheatham is a hustler and will, no doubt, surprise a number of his enemies.

One of the most dignified men on the bench is Justice Anderson. He is a good deliberator and a man of patience. In speaking of Judges of the Court, I think, Judge Clabaugh is one of the most learned men upon the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, He is very seldom reversed.

The Industrial Building Association will have more suits on its hands if it is not more careful.

There were many suprises sprung this week in the M. E. Conference Rev. Thomas will not return to Asbury Church. I understand that Mr. Spencer Green will soon be reappointed to his old position in the Choir. Mr. Green is a good singer.

The District politicians are getting ogether for the next fight It will be a warm one. Thus far Senator Hanna is the favorite.

It is strange that no mention was made of the colored normal school in the superintendent's report. Mrs. Francis criticises the colored Cooking School, while the white cooking teacher compliments the colored cooking department.

ROUNDER.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

A few colored republicans in office.

Colored printers appreciate what Public Printer Palmer does for them.

Suffrage in the District of Columbia restored.

All negroes united on questions of interest.

Great men do great deeds.
Independent negroes do great deeds.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

If suffrage will be restored to the city?

How Ben Tillman will act when he meets St. Peter?

If the Afro-American Council will ever do anything?

If indignation meetings amount to anything?

How many negroes South will be appointed to office?

What kind of a run will senator Hanna make in 1904?

If the candidates for the Haytian mission will ever be satisfied?

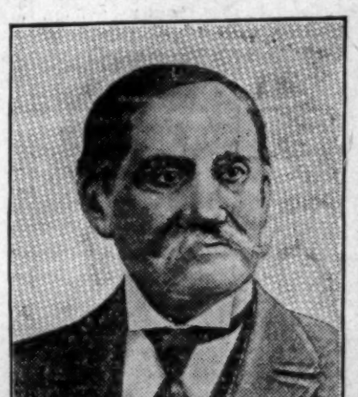
THE CUBAN REPUBLIC

Its Government to Be Inaugurated on February 24.

Tomas Estrada Palma, the President-Elect, Believes That Future of Island Depends on American Friendship.

The Cuban election for presidential and senatorial electors and members of the house of representatives and governors of provinces on January 1 resulted in the choice of electors who will cast their votes on February 24 for Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma for president and Dr. Luis Estevez, once secretary of justice in Gen. Wood's cabinet, for vice president of the republic. There was practically no opposition at the polls, Gen. Maso, the opposing candidate, having withdrawn; but there were partisan expressions of dissatisfaction. Gen. Palma was called by his political enemies the American candidate and the candidate of the bureaucracy; but the best evidence is of at least acquiescence if not satisfaction.

Gen. Palma may properly be called the American candidate in this sense—that he accepts the settlement of the whole Cuban question that was brought about under the Platt resolution. For this there could have been no other choice of a president so fit. He is a Cuban by birth and a lawyer by early training. His father was a rich planter in the province of Santiago when the so-called Ten Years' war against Spain began in 1868, and his property was confiscated and his wife was killed. Young Palma enlisted and attained high military rank, and he was at last chosen president of the provisional government of the island. After nearly nine years' fighting he was carried to Spain as a prisoner; he refused to swear allegiance to Spain as the price of freedom, but when the insurrection ended he was released and he



TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.
(To Be Formally Elected President of Cuba February 24.)

came to the United States. He soon went to Honduras, where for a time he held important public positions, and married a daughter of the president of Honduras. He returned to the United States, and made his home at the village of Central Valley in New York, where he has kept a school for Cuban boys. He has not been in Cuba for 20 years.

In 1895 he became the head of the Cuban junta in New York, and did energetic service against Spain. He was elected the first president of the Cuban republic without an effort on his part. He is now 66 years old, and he is a man in whom the conservative citizens both of Cuba and of the United States have confidence.

On the day after his election Mr. Palma declared that the principal object of the Cuban republic should be, first of all, to secure the most friendly relations with the American people, who helped the Cubans in the hour of need. They should always bear in mind the work of the United States in helping them to obtain their independence from Spanish rule. At the same time they should try to secure from the Washington government all the advantages possible for their products by reasonable reductions of the import duties, especially on sugar and tobacco, as this is the only way for Cuba to escape the absolute ruin of these two industries, which are the basis of its actual wealth.

The sulking and dissatisfied party, whose leader is Gen. Bartoleme Maso, has the possibility of mischievous opposition—not open opposition of the American kind, but rather the sort of treachery which is too often the Latin-American method of opposition.

Marriage Brokers in Italy.

Marriage brokers are a regular institution in Italy. In Genoa there are several marriage brokers, who have pocketbooks filled with the names of marriageable girls of the different classes, with notes of their figures, personal attractions, fortune and other circumstances. These brokers go about endeavoring to arrange matrimonial alliances in the same offhand mercantile manner which they would bring to bear upon a purely business transaction, and when they succeed they get a commission of two or three per cent. upon the dowry, with such extras of bonuses as may be voluntarily bestowed by the party.

Suggestion for Patriots.

Unless some patriotic society comes to the rescue the building in Richmond, Va., in which Patrick Henry delivered his famous speech will be torn down soon to make room for stores.

The Latest Catch Phrase.

"It's early yet" is the latest catch phrase to take up its travels.

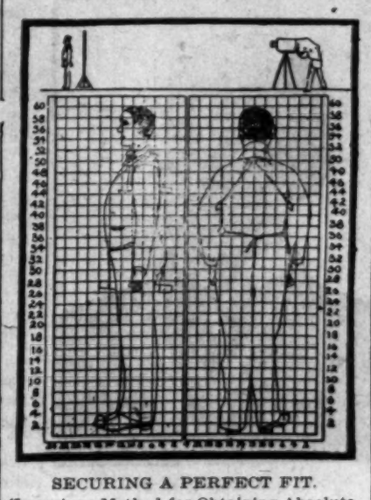
TAILORS USE CAMERA.

Perfectly Fitting Clothes Assured by Photographic Measuring System Recently Invented.

You can be measured for a suit of clothes by photography now, if you care to have it done in that way.

A Wisconsin man patented the process, which promises to be a boon to tailors, relieving them of much labor, and at the same time securing a degree of accuracy in measurements that is quite out of the question when the ordinary method is employed.

All you have to do is to stand close behind a screen of a peculiar kind, while the tailor puts his own head under a black cloth and focuses a



SECURING A PERFECT FIT.
(Ingenious Method for Obtaining Absolutely Correct Measurements.)

camera upon you. The screen, which, mind you, is between yourself and the camera, is simply a wooden frame with wires strung tightly across it, at equal distances and parallel, so as to form a series of squares.

Necessarily, the resulting photograph is cut up by thin black lines into a network of squares, and your measurements are indicated by the number of squares and portions of squares occupied by your body in the picture. With half a dozen such photographs taken of yourself, in different attitudes, it is a simple problem in mathematics to calculate your dimensions all ways.

To make sure that such salient points as the armpits are correctly indicated in the photograph, the inventor has devised a sort of harness that holds the clothing close to the body—thus avoiding the necessity of stripping.

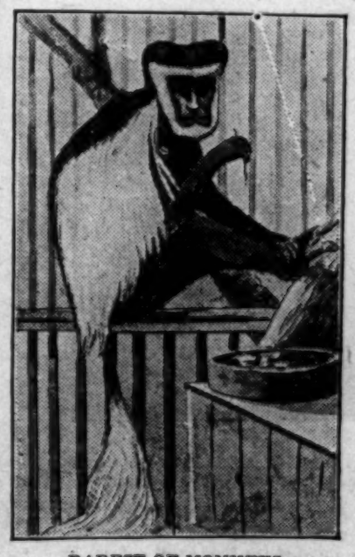
It may be that before long this ingenious plan will be applied to the measuring of women for tailor-made suits and other garments. Thus, says the New York Herald, one of the difficulties of the dressmaking business will be largely done away with, and there will be fewer wrinkles in the brows of properly gowned maids and matrons.

RAREST OF MONKEYS.

As Far as the Face Is Concerned, He Resembles Man More Than Any Other Animal.

The zoological garden of Berlin just now boasts of possessing a rare monkey, the only animal of the kind in captivity in Europe. It is known as the silk ape of Kilimandscharo. C. G. Schillings, the leader of the recent German East Africa expedition.

The Kilimandscharo silk monkey, as far as the face is concerned, resembles a human being more than any other of the animal species. Eyes, face, nose and mouth betray a



RAREST OF MONKEYS.
(Only One of Its Kind in Captivity in Civilized Lands.)

remarkably intelligent expression. The eyes have not the staring, insane look of the beast, but regard one with contemplative calm. The most beautiful feature of the animal is its hair. The main fur is of a darkish brown, as soft as sealskin, but the face is surrounded with a white silk beard and he has a long gray silk mane and a large and bushy white silk tail.

The specimen in the Berlin zoological garden exhibits a morose, melancholy temperament whenever he is left in his cage without a monkey for a companion. This is a difficult task for the animal keeper, as most monkeys are malicious and pugnacious and the Kilimandscharo silk monkey is of a sweet, affectionate temperament. One companion was found which died a few weeks ago and now the Berlin zoo authorities are searching high and low for one to take its place.

OOM PAUL IN EXILE

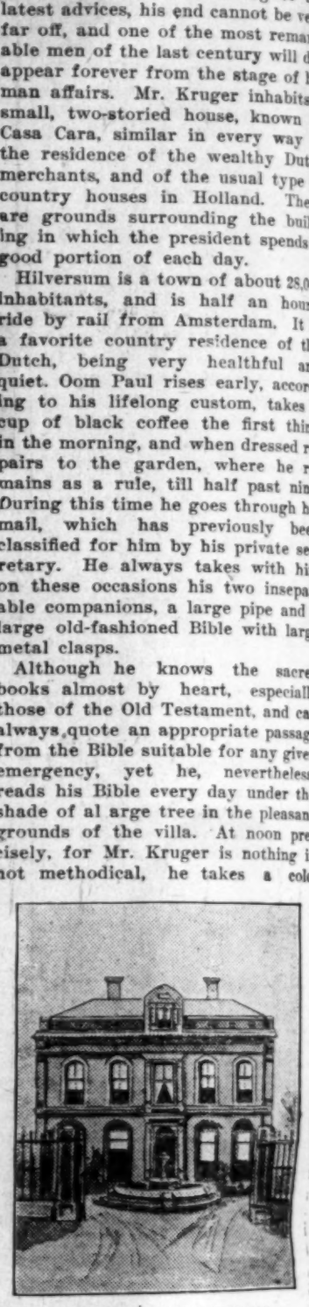
Final Scenes in the Long Career of President Kruger.

How the Pious Old Man Lives in the Little Town of Hilversum, Holland—His Spirit Not Crushed by Reverses.

The final scenes in the long and adventurous career of the ex-president of the South African republic, now on the point of absorption in the British dominion, are being enacted at a little town named Hilversum, in Holland. According to the latest advices, his end cannot be very far off, and one of the most remarkable men of the last century will disappear forever from the stage of human affairs. Mr. Kruger inhabits a small, two-storied house, known as Casa Cara, similar in every way to the residence of the wealthy Dutch merchants, and of the usual type of country houses in Holland. There are grounds surrounding the building in which the president spends a good portion of each day.

Hilversum is a town of about 28,000 inhabitants, and is half an hour's ride by rail from Amsterdam. It is a favorite country residence of the Dutch, being very healthful and quiet. Oom Paul rises early, according to his lifelong custom, takes a cup of black coffee the first thing in the morning, and when dressed repairs to the garden, where he remains as a rule, till half past nine. During this time he goes through his mail, which has previously been classified for him by his private secretary. He always takes with him on these occasions his two inseparable companions, a large pipe and a large old-fashioned Bible with large metal clasps.

Although he knows the sacred books almost by heart, especially those of the Old Testament, and can always quote an appropriate passage from the Bible suitable for any given emergency, yet he, nevertheless, reads his Bible every day under the shade of a large tree in the pleasant grounds of the villa. At noon precisely, for Mr. Kruger is nothing if not methodical, he takes a cold



CASA KARA, HILVERSUM.
(Mr. Kruger's Modest Home in One of the Oldest Dutch Towns.)

luncheon with his party, which, as a rule, consists of his nephew, Mr. Eloff, who is also his private secretary, and Mr. Van Boschoeten, ex-chief of the Transvaal ministry; Messrs. Back van Ven and Breedel, who are in attendance on the aged ex-president. His faithful servitor, Happe, and a Belgian physician, Dr. Heymans, always accompany him. The latter has forbidden him the use of any wine or liquors, his only drink being mineral water. After luncheon Mr. Kruger takes a siesta, which lasts till four o'clock in the afternoon. He then goes for a drive in a carriage bearing the former arms and escutcheon of the Transvaal, and returns to the house by six o'clock. It pleases the old man greatly to observe the general respect which he meets with from all classes of the public, and even the children strike up the Boer national anthem, which every one knows in Holland, as he passes by. He takes supper at half past six, and retires invariably at eight p. m.

His undaunted spirit does not appear to be crushed by the reverses which have overtaken his beloved country, and from time to time he observes: "We are strong as ever we were; we can continue this fight right along, and will never admit defeat;" brave, but ill-considered expressions from the lips of this most remarkable old man whose name will undoubtedly drift down to the remotest posterity.

The Anointing of Kings.

The question as to whether King Edward should be anointed at his coronation and if so what form the ceremony would take is bringing to light some interesting stories as to the way in which the rite was formerly performed. Edward VI., the last of the former Edwards, had a difficult time, more difficult than that of Richard Crookback, who was stripped to the waist. Edward VI. lay prostrate on the altar while Archbishop Cranmer rubbed his back much in the same way as wives rubbed embrocation on the backs of rheumatic husbands. In former days the holy oil with which the king was anointed was suppposed to hedge him with divinity, so in those rough times it was natural that a king should hasten his coronation. Witches were forbidden to attend the ceremony.

Prussia Religious Service.

The Prussian prayer book enjoins that the whole of the service, including the sermon, shall not last above one hour.

Miss Mollie Marshall will be married in June, to Mr. Harry Prater.

Miss Corine Martin will spend the Easter holidays in Richmond

Mrs. E. V. C. Williams and Children will visit the city this summer

Miss Effie Middleton will spend Easter in Baltimore, Md., with friends.

Miss Ella Jones of Baltimore, Md., was the guest of the Misses Martin this week.

Miss Lou Polland is able to sit up, since the accident in Anacostia some few weeks ago.

Miss Julia Sheppards on has exchanged schools with Miss Minnie Lucas from Bennings to Banneker.

Miss E. E. Contee will spend the Easter holidays as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Augustus Henderson in Brooklyn, New York.

There was a good audience at the People's Church on Wednesday evening to listen to a paper by Mr. Wm. I. Lee entitled "A Tale of Two Cities,"

Mrs. Coakley, the wife of the late Gabriel Coakley, and the mother of Mr. Hawkins of 12th Street, N. W. died on Tuesday and was buried on last Thursday, from St. Augustine Church.

Mrs. Yates, the great woman advocate left for her home last week. Her address before the mass meeting was well received.

Rev. Singleton Hughes, of Maryland, was in the city attending the Methodist Conference Rev. Hughes is one of the most active ministers in Maryland.

Mr. James Johnson of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing who was seriously injured some time ago is able to be out again.

Mr. Edward Lucas, who has been in the city several days on account of ill health has returned to his school in Etchinson, Md.

In preparation the recital of Miss Beatriz L. Chase at the 15th street Presbyterian Church April 18th. Full particulars latter on.

Several citizens of Baltimore, Md., were over last week to attend the inspection of the High School Cadets. Among whom were Rev. Johnson, Miss Cora Tucker and others.

Miss Hattie Hamer who has taught successfully in the night school at the Randall Building, will leave shortly for Philidelphia, Pa., where her sister resides. Miss Hamer has a large circle of friends who will regret her absence.

BANQUET BY AMPHIONS

A banquet was tendered the ladies auxiliary by the Amphion glee club Wednesday evening at Murcy's cafe' and there was a large attendance of the club membership with their wives, and the ladies auxiliary with their escorts.

The following order of exercises was observed:

Instrumental selection—Mr. Wm Braxton

Introductory remarks—Mr J Henry Lewis

Chorus "The Monkey said to the Chimpanzee"—The Amphions

The Original Amphion—Mr J H Washington

Quar Kentucky Home—Messrs Jos Wilson J D Wilson W H Carter Jr and Wm Cooper

Our Ladies Auxiliary—Mr B H Baker

Quar Mama's Li'l Boy—Messrs C A Champ Wm DeLong B H Baker and J H Washington

Our Past—Mr Jos DeWitt Wilson

Piano Selection—Mr Wm Braxton

Our Future—Mr Wm H Carter Jr

OurSchuberts Serenade—The Amphions

Mr J Henry Lewis was toastmaster and his remarks kept the company in excellent humor

The Cow and the Camera.

Here is a sagacious cow that attended promptly to a little matter of business, and deserves a blue ribbon. At Bloomfield, N. J., the other day an amateur photographer stole a march on some girls as they were frolicking in a stream on the Dodd estate. The camera was all adjusted for an exposure, and the photographer ducked beneath the black cloth. A cow apparently took in the situation just in the nick of time, and bucked the camera fairly and sent it flying. Then she turned to the man and chased him over a rail fence, standing guard until the girls had donned their clothes and escaped.

TRUE SNAKE STORY.

Twenty-Six Big Reptiles Killed in the Midst of Winter.

Farmer Hadsell Discovers the Cause of Trouble with a Spring and Inaugurates a War of Annihilation.

According to the Hartford (Conn.) correspondent of the New York Sun, Deacon Joseph Pepper, of the Methodist church of West Avon, is truthful and a teetotaler, and doesn't see snakes where no snakes are. Through him a remarkable tale of snakes has been made public.

Silas Daniels is a member of Deacon Pepper's church, and he was an eyewitness of part of the occurrence and was in at the death. It was from him that Deacon Pepper learned the particulars.

On the farm of Adelbert Hadsell, a neighbor of Daniel's, is a fine spring that never freezes over, even in the coldest weather. Hadsell carries the water from the spring through a pipe to the barn for watering his live stock.

Recently the cattle refused to drink the water, and Hadsell noticed a few days ago that the water, which is usually clear and pure, had become slightly muddy. He went to the spring to investigate.

He saw nothing unusual about the spring at first, except that the water was muddy, as though some animal had worked up the mud at the bottom. Mr. Hadsell returned to the barn for a pitchfork, and when he got back to the spring he made an investigation.

He jabbed the pitchfork about in the water without striking anything but the mud at the bottom. While he was thus engaged he noticed that the bank at one side of the spring seemed to be in motion.

He stuck the fork into this place and pried up a clod of the frozen earth, leaving a hole about large

DRAGGED IT OUT OF THE HOLE.

enough to hold a man's fist. Out of this shot the head of a large blacksnake. Mr. Hadsell promptly killed it and dragged it out of the hole. Two more heads made their appearance and these two snakes were also dispatched.

When Hadsell looked at the spring again the whole bank seemed to be a living mass of reptiles. He threw down his pitchfork and ran for assistance. He found Daniels, and the two, each armed with a pitchfork, made an attack upon the army of snakes.

They had a big task. The spring was full of hissing, writhing, wriggling snakes, some of them of great size. For a time the battle waged fiercely, but at length the farmers routed the enemy with great slaughter. After it was over they counted 26 dead snakes on the bank of the spring, the snakes being from three to five feet long and one of them measuring 12 inches around the thickest part of its body.

They are not certain that some of the snakes did not escape slaughter by remaining concealed in the hole. It is not known why these snakes should have shown so much activity in cold weather, for if they had been peacefully hibernating, as a self-respecting snake should do, they would not have brought down upon themselves such prompt destruction. It is supposed that there is a cavern or waterway through which the snakes reached the spring, and that they were stirred to activity and vigor when they found that the spring was not frozen over.

One Way to Success.

"It is close attention to the little things," remarks the Observer of Events and Things, "which makes the successful nurse."—Yonkers Statesman.

He Is Expanding.

"He believes in expansion, doesn't he?"

"Well, I should say so. Why, you ought to see him eat."—Chicago Post.

His Idea.

Teacher—What do you mean by a 'quietus?"

Pupil—A blow in the solar plexus.—Puck.

TRAVELS OF A CAT.

"Barney," Born at Sea, Has Sailed Many Voyages and Was Rescued from a Shipwreck.

"Barney" is the name of a remarkable cat, the property of Capt. O. W. Look, of Jonesport, Me. Barney was on the schooner E. I. White, which was wrecked off the Bahama islands a few weeks ago, and was saved and brought to Mansfield by Edward Wilson, steward of the boat, and shipped to Jonesport, where she will spend the winter with her mistress, the wife of Capt. Cook, going to sea again as soon as opportunity offers.

She was born on the ocean on board the schooner 4½ years ago, and has always been to sea.

The picture was taken on the voyage from the Canary islands to Barba-

BARNEY ON HIS TRAVELS.

does. She has been to most all the West India islands, South America and several southern ports.

Twice in midocean has Capt. Look hove the vessel to and rescued her, she having fallen overboard, once from the spanker boom and once from the taffrail.

In speaking of the cat Mr. Wilson said to a Boston Globe reporter: "'Barney' was the strangest acting cat I ever saw. She would not allow any cats or dogs to come aboard the boat while in port. She was what might be termed the monarch of all she surveyed.

"If we passed a steamboat at sea and the whistle was blown, 'Barney' would at once seek a hiding place. So frightened was she that at times she would remain in hiding two or more days.

"She is a great bird catcher, a fine mouser and will tackle a rat as large as herself."

TALK OF THE LODGE.

It Made Such an Impression That the Member Repeated It Partly in His Sleep.

Out in Kansas there are a good many Swedes, and very exemplary citizens they make. One of these representatives of this state's foreign population stayed out late one night and at breakfast the next morning his good wife Huldah demanded an explanation.

"Where were you last night?" she asked in a before-breakfast tone of voice.

"Ve haf a special meetin' of te lodge, Huldah, an' eferything for te gute of te order."

"Last night you were talking in your sleep and you said something about two-cent limit. What did you mean?"

"O, das var nodder faller's fault. Hae var talkin' 'bout raisin' te assessment an' das mek me hot."

"WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?"

"And you said you 'was in.' What did that mean?"

"Vell, et meant dot Aye var member an' haf youst so motch to say as anybody."

"When you said: 'I'll open it,' what did you mean?"

"Some feller could not get onto the door, Aye tank. You see, dear vife, et is lock all tem,"

"Once or twice I heard you say: 'It's a showdown.' What does that mean?"

"Huldah, Aye haf no right to tal yo tengs outside of te lodge, but Aye vill tal ye dis: Das means in lodge language: 'God bless mae home.'"

First of Canal Locks.

The first canal lock built in America is preserved as a relic near the present site of the Soo canal. It was built by the Northwestern Fur company in 1736. It is 38 feet long and eight feet nine inches wide. It had a lift of nine feet and a depth of 2½ feet. During the war of 1812 it was badly wrecked. The early day fur companies used this little water way to lock down their small cargoes of valuable furs.

Oldest City in the World.

So ancient is the city of Damascus, in Syria, that there is no record of its origin in any written histories.

READY FOR THE END

Pope Completed All Arrangements for Funeral and Burial.

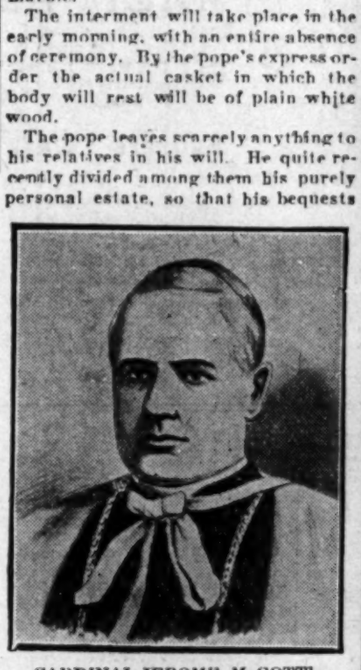
Tomb Is a Beautiful Work of Modern Art—Will Leave His Estate to Holy See—Worries Over Successor.

The recent revival of the publication of reports of the imminence of the pope's death has led to inquiries being made of Chevalier Centra, valet de chambre to his holiness. The chevalier declared that the pope's health is excellent. "But," he added, "my master for some time past has spoken almost solely of his mortal end as though it were near. The pope concerns himself daily with the questions of his death and successor. He has settled all arrangements for his funeral down to the minutest details. He says that the members of his family and not the papal government must ask the Italian government for the necessary permission for interment in the basilica of St. John Lateran. A monumental tomb is ready for fixing in its place. It is the work of the famous sculptor Giuseppe Luchetti and has cost 300,000 lire ($60,000), which has all been paid."

The tomb is a beautiful work of art. The sarcophagus is surmounted by the recumbent figure of Leo XIII. in full pontifical robes. Guarding the tomb are life-size statues of St. Thomas and St. Francis, and also a statue of the Virgin and two angels, all in white Carrara marble.

The interment will take place in the early morning, with an entire absence of ceremony. By the pope's express order the actual casket in which the body will rest will be of plain white wood.

The pope leaves scarcely anything to his relatives in his will. He quite recently divided among them his purely personal estate, so that his bequests



CARDINAL JEROME M GOTTI.
(Pope Leo Would Like to Be Succeeded by This Prelate.)

are mere gifts of remembrance. All the money he now possesses, about 300,000,000 lire ($60,000,000), he bequeathed to the treasury of the holy see.

All these things, says the Chicago Tribune, are perfectly familiar to the inmates of the vatican, for it is the pope himself who constantly talks about them. He speaks quite as freely and as often of his successor on the papal throne. His consuming fear is that his political work so persistently and patiently performed and so fruitful of practical benefit to the church should be nullified by some rash inheritor. He would like to have the assurance that he will be succeeded by Cardinal Rampolla, but he knows that to be almost impossible, and failing it he would prefer Cardinal Gotti or Cardinal Vives y Tuto. He disapproves the candidatures of Cardinals Vannutelli, Svampa and Oreglia Yet one of these three will probably be the next pope.

Cardinal Jerome Maria Gotti is a Genoese, 68 years old, and is of the order of Barefoot Carmelites the most austere branch. Under his subsequent leadership the order made marked material advance. He accomplished the partial restoration of the mother house for the work in Palestine. He also visited England and the United States to counsel the order to austerity and wider service on the part of the mendicants of the order. He was commanded to go to Brazil in 1892 to look after the Catholic interests. In 1895 he was created cardinal. Personally he is below medium height, but possessed of a well-rounded and well-preserved figure. He lives modestly in a handsome palace. His tastes are scientific, but he is the best authority on canon law in the college. His friends say he is the ideal scholar, saint and diplomat. He belongs to no factions, keeps out of politics and never goes into Roman society.

New York's Big Tunnel.

New York's new tunnel is far advanced, and the engineers have worked out their complex problem without an error. An army of men is burrowing under the main streets of the city without interrupting traffic in the least. The blasting is under such exact control that no harm has resulted to foundations almost adjacent.

Danger in Little Knowledge.

A school-teacher in Newark, N. J., received the other day the following letter from the father of a pupil: "Dear Teacher: Please don't teach Johnny any more about his insides. It makes him sassy." It seems that Johnny had become entirely too scientific and critical concerning the family bill of fare.

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Miss Cecelia Murphay is said to be extremely handy with her brush at the academy.—Harlem Life.

His Strong Pull.

Beekman Streete—There's a man over there who has made a fortune through his pull.

Astor Howes—Politician?

Beekman Streete—No; dentist.—N. Y. Times.

Another Lie Nailed.

Dora—The papers say you are to marry Lord Topnott.

Clara—It's a base slander. I'm only engaged to him.—N. Y. Weekly.

Plenty of 'Em About.

Miss Smart—That Mr. Gadden seems to be at home anywhere.

Mr. Sharp—Er—yes—except at home.—Ally Sloper.

Plausible Theory.

She—I wonder why a man's hair turns gray before his beard.

He—Oh, that is easily explained. There is usually about 20 years' difference in their respective ages.—Chicago Daily News.

Her Opinion.

He (watching another couple)—I suppose he feels that he could not live without her.

She—Yes, and I don't think he'll have a chance to find out that he could.—Puck.

Helping Him Along.

Mr. Timmid—I don't suppose it would be proper for me to kiss you on such short acquaintance?

Miss Innit—No, I suppose not; but isn't it too bad we haven't been acquainted longer?—Tit-Bits.

Hint for American Salons.

When a dog in Japan disturbs the neighbors by barking at night, its owner is arrested and sentenced to work a year for the disturbed neighbors. The dog never barks again, for he is at once put to death.

GERMAN INTERESTS.

German companies now have six steamers plying regularly on the river Yangtse between Shanghai and Hankow.

The German peasantry have a curious instrument called the nagelgeige or nail violin. It is a circular frame of wood in which are set 60 or 70 iron pins, played with a bow.

The custom of writing foolish begging letters to the emperor has become so prevalent in German schools that a warning has been sent out that it must stop or fines will be inflicted.

The authorities of Aix-la-Chapelle recently sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment a man who carelessly threw away a lighted match in a forest near that city, although no damage was caused by the act.

It is the practice in Berlin when any poor person dies and leaves no heir to have the bed disinfected and stamped by the official stamp of the town council. In this way a large number of beds are collected, and are then lent to the very poor.

OBSERVATIONS FROM LIFE.

Statistics sometimes prove that liars can figure.

A budding genius is all right until he begins to blow.

Her father's boot frequently makes an unfavorable impression.

Too much of the noise in this world tries to pass itself off as music.

It is better to be wrong at the right time than right at the wrong time.

The more a woman argues the more she is unable to convince herself.

Some dancing, instead of being the poetry of motion, is mere doggerel.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, but the cost of repairs is extra.

Young men think themselves wise and drunken men think themselves sober.

The man who knows it all is a fit companion for the woman who knows nothing.

Any man can think as he likes, but it isn't always policy to put his thoughts into words.—Chicago Daily News.

Some Knowledge.

He—The young man who is paying attention to Miss Gotrox? Yes; he's a lawyer.

She—I understand he doesn't know anything about law.

He—Well, he knows enough about law to see that there's more money in matrimony.—Puck.

Stupid All Around.

Patience—I sent a postal card to Will last week, and forgot to put his name or address on it.

Patrice—Really?

"Yes; he must have thought me stupid when he got it.—Yonkers Statesman.

They Say.

When dogs bark don't be disturbed.

It is better for the board of health to get behind their creditors.

One will improve your condition, while the other will starve your stomach.

Some people write for the fun of it.

This is the case of Menard of the *Age*.

The *Age* correspondent is in need of soap and lie.

He is more in need of the latter.

It is the good man who will do great deeds.

The Pen and Pencil club will give another blow out.

It should be encouraged.

Only four lady clerks remain in the Census Office.

The negro is in it no where.

The deeds of some people are disclosed.

Tillmam has frightened the Republican Senate.

There are colored editors south who dare not criticise Tillman.

Such is the condition of the Southern sentiment.

Why does Booker Washington decline to indorse Fortune.

If he can't indorse him he should say nothing about him.

He ought to explain at any rate his reason for not indorsing him.

The audience at the second Baptest on last Sabbath was good natured.

Perry Carson thought two months ago that President Roosevelt was not a good man.

He might as well hang his hat upon a harp.

The man who imagines that he is greater than his maker, ough to be told how small he is.

Our public schools are now in the hands of the white race.

The negroes got tired of holding them.

They got tired of a good thing.

The people of this city ought to do something more substantial.

The administration will have to dump Booker Washington.

The negroes have no faith in him.

Let him shades of darkness.

Any negro that a white man can control is bound to be false to his people.

The man who says that the Democratic party is dead is mistaken.

Don't be alarmed when you think you hear a noise.

Register J. W. Lyons will be retained.

Well he is stronger than the Tuskegee Wizzard as he is called, and the people have more faith in him (Lyons.)

Nothing is more sussessful than an enterprising worker.

Fortune and Pieder will join the army of the kickers soon.

W. F Powell, minister to Hayti will be retained.

Office-seekers had better apply for something else.

Col. Pledger's opinion of Fortune is better than it used to be.

How some people can change front.

THE BEE likes Col. Pledger, but he must stick to his text.

Three Hundred Thousand Strong.

In 79 separate and distinct national cemeteries the bodies of nearly 300,000 soldiers who died during the civil war are interred. Some of the cemeteries contain each a silent army of over 10,000 soldiers, in serried ranks, marked by the white headstones, on nearly half of which is inscribed "Unknown."

Good News for Old Maids.

The enumeration of 1900 shows that there are more men and boys than women and girls in this country, and that the difference exceeds 1,300,000 in a population of 76,303,387. The excess appears more distinctly, perhaps, when it is said that there are 512 males and only 488 females in every 1,000 people in the United States.

Swiss Revolving Carbine.

A revolving carbine used in the Swiss army fires 48 shots in 24 seconds, and will kill at 2,000 yards.

JILTED BY MOONBEAM

Unhappy Love Affair Leads to Brave's Self-Destruction.

Cree Maiden Rejected Bear-Afraid-of-the-Wolf's Attentions and Then the Sioux Chief Cared to Live No More.

Red Blanket and several Cree Indians, who have been on a pilgrimage to the Bear Paw mountains, returned the other day to Havre, Mont., with the news of the tragic suicide of Bear-Afraid-of-the-Wolf, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, who killed himself with a shotgun. Indian tradition records but few instances of self-destruction, and the suicide will go into history as one of the few cases of its kind on record.

Chided by the members of his tribe, and rejected by Moonbeam, a princess of the much-despised Cree Indian nation, the ardent lover left his tribe camp. When found his body was frozen, and near by were the carcasses of his two ponies, which he killed before taking his own life that he might ride on their spirits to the happy hunting grounds.

The body was brought into camp and for longer than a week the Indians have been in a great state of excitement. According to the custom of western red men, they inflict cruel and barbarous punishment upon their bodies during the lamentation over their dead. For a week these practices have been in progress at the various Cree camps in the vicinity of Havre.

The prominence of the dead chief by birth and that of his squaw, who is a granddaughter of Sitting Bull, together with the sensational and unusual character of his taking off, has prolonged the lamentation until the Crees all through the Bear Paw mountains are very much exercised over the affair, and the medicine men who have been consulted predict the death of Bear-Afraid-of-the-Wolf as meaning

FOUND HIS FROZEN BODY.

that the Great Father will soon give the Cree Indians a land of their own.

The dead chief was a descendant of White Bear, the famous Sioux after whom White Bear lake, near St. Paul, was named.

Twelve years ago Bear met his wife, who is a descendant of Sitting Bull. They were married in the Judith mountains in June, 1890, with much pomp. Drifting for several years from place to place in northern Montana, Bear-Afraid-of-the-Wolf made love to many other Indian maidens, and this caused an estrangement which led to his separation from his squaw. There was but one true love for him, and that was the fair Moonbeam of a band of wandering Crees that Uncle Sam had refused to succor, and who had been ordered by an officer from Fort Assiniboine to return to the Canadian possessions from whence they came.

But Moonbeam had another lover—one of her own tribesmen. Bear was repulsed and rode out of camp a week ago with his two ponies. The searching party three days later found his frozen body, near those of his ponies, with the side of his head torn off with a charge of shot.

Flight of the Highlanders.

Richard Harding Davis relates this incident, which happened while he was acting as a correspondent during the English-Boer war: A regiment of Scotch Highlanders, noted for their bravery in action, during the heat of one battle were suddenly seen to break ranks and run in all directions. The officers as well shared in the stampede, and apparently made no attempts to urge the men under them into line. Their behaviour was a surprise to everybody on the field, and after the thing was over the colonel of the regiment was summoned before Gen. Roberts. "What the devil was the matter with your regiment?" asked "Bobs." "Well," replied the colonel, "there is not a man in the regiment afraid of a Dutchman's bullet, but we were steered into a field literally infested with wasps' nests, and you know, general, we were all in kilts and with bare legs."

New Noses for Everybody.

The latest development in surgery is the molding of noses in paraffin, which is now being practiced in Vienna. In the deformity known as saddle nose the most remarkable results are said to be obtained. The process consists in the subcutaneous injection of paraffin, which before it completely sets is molded into the desired shape. A warmed syringe is charged with the melted compound and the needle is inserted between the eyebrows, just above the root of the nose. Then the compound is injected into the subcutaneous tissues as the needle is slowly withdrawn.

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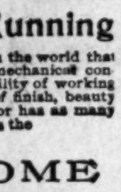

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President Hadley, of Yale, in an address to the students, recently, used an illustration that will bear thinking about by every young man, in or out of college to-day. He spoke of the eager hopes of those before him, and of how much each expected to get out of life; but he gave them, instead, a higher thought. "We think of life," he said, "as a goblet to be drained; is it not rather a measure to be filled?"

There is the whole difference between a wasted life and the successful one in that short sentence. The

PRESIDENT HADLEY.
(Head of Yale, Whose Advice to Young Men Is Worth Taking.)

world forever needs, forever values, the men who fill existence with value for themselves and others. "What do I get out of it?" is the worst and in the end the most hopeless motto a man can have. Life, if we set ourselves to drain it, is a pitifully shallow cup. It holds a few pleasures, bitter often in the after taste, a few brief joys, a little selfish ambition and happiness, but no more. All through the ages, the men, from King Solomon down, who have drained the goblet have found it unsatisfying, and have bewailed the fact.

But the measure to be filled—that, says the Wellspring, makes life a different thing. How much high achievement, pure aspiration, noble deed, unselfish fellowship, a man can put into life, and yet find room for more! The biography of every great man teaches us how much the measure may be made to hold. Lincoln's measure, Gordon's measure, Moody's measure—how deep, how satisfying they were! Such men care nothing—and why should they care?—for what they get out of life; for their whole thought is occupied with what they can get into it. Life is shallow only when we are seeking to exhaust it; it enlarges as we seek to fill it, always. A goblet to be drained—a measure to be filled—which shall he choose that life shall be? For the choice is each man's own.

THE LATEST AIRSHIP.

To Be Brought to England and the United States by Its Designer, M. Santos-Dumont.

M. Santos-Dumont, upon his reception in England by the newly-founded Aero club of Great Britain, discussed his forthcoming experiments with his new airship that is in course of building for use in 1902. It will be the seventh and largest machine he has yet employed. It will be fitted with two petrol motors of 45-horse power each, as compared with the 16-horse power motor of the

M. SANTOS-DUMONT.
(Young Brazilian Who Is Making Aerial Navigation a Success.)

previous vessel. At present he has decided to carry out his experiments upon the lines in which he has been so successful. It is his contention in connection with navigable balloons that aeroplanes should not be used. M. Santos-Dumont thinks that petrol will be the sole power employed for aerial traffic, since with a petrol motor half the motive power is derived from the air, thus minimizing the weight of fuel to be carried. Electric and other motors must carry all motive power in bulk. The outer balloon of No. 7 will be cigar-shaped as before, but it will have two inner cases instead of one. There will be no framework inside, the material being kept rigid solely by pressure. M. Dumont intends continuing his experiments with machines with a carrying capacity of one person only for the present.

A Geological Phenomenon.

The crust of the earth has taken a drop near Mount Carmel, Pa. A square mile of land there has suddenly sunk two and a half feet.

HIS SINS FORGIVEN.

Boss Shepherd's Return to Washington Pleases the People.

He Ran the Capital Three Years and Made a City of It—Congress Ousted Him in 1874 and He Went to Mexico.

"Boss" Shepherd is coming back to Washington. He has made a great fortune in the silver mines of Mexico, and returns to his native city to spend his remaining days in peace. He is 67 years of age, and enjoys the distinction of being the best loved and best hated man that the capital city ever knew.

Alexander H. Shepherd's name will live in history as the originator of the new Washington. After all is said and done, the work of the experts who have planned the future Washington as a city of delight had the basis of "Boss" Shepherd's work to go upon. That is how he derived his sobriquet of "boss." For three years he was the absolute ruler of Washington, and in that time spent $40,000,000 in making it what it is today.

Alexander H. Shepherd, says the Philadelphia Press, is a native of Washington. He was born in the "flats" January 13, 1835. His parents were in ordinary circumstances. His ancestors for 150 years had lived in this country; some of them fought in the revolutionary war. Shepherd himself was for a time a soldier in the late war. His father became well-to-do before his death, which enabled the boy to obtain a pretty fair education. He entered Columbian university. But the executor of the estate, it is said, stole the money and young Alexander started to learn a trade to help support the family. Then he became a shoe salesman, and later learned to be a plumber and gas fitter. Within eight years of entering his apprenticeship he was a partner. Within the next 12 years he had built more than 400 houses in Washington.

His prominence in business led him into politics. He was a member of

ALEXANDER H. SHEPHERD.
(Has Just Returned to Washington After Long Exile.)

the board of common council of Washington before he was 25. Two years after, in 1862, he became president of the body. He was a member of the levy court in 1867, and president of the Citizens' Reform association in 1870. Then congress turned Washington and the District of Columbia into a territorial government. He was appointed governor of the district, and president of the board of public works. He had always borne the reputation of being a progressive, liberal, yet determined man.

Washington at this time was a drowsy, half-northern, half-southern city. It had been laid out on liberal lines but had never conformed to them. It had no adequate building laws. Its streets were mud holes in winter and dust distributors in summer. Shepherd determined to alter this. He had the power and he proceeded to use it. One morning the people of the old town wakened to find hundreds of men at work on the streets. It was the advance guard of "Boss" Shepherd's legions.

Within the next three years, from June 1, 1871, to June 24, 1874, "Boss" Shepherd ruled Washington with a rod of iron. Men who began by praising him ended by cursing him. As improvements grew taxes increased. Many men were financially ruined by the burdens imposed upon them. Newspapers in other cities were the only avenues for the maledictions of the citizens; the local papers were bound hand and foot by the influence of the "boss" or silenced by a knowledge that he was doing the right thing in improving Washington, although it was unpopular at the time.

Nothing halted his determination. The city became a hive of municipal industry. All streets of any importance underwent transformation. They were graded, sewered and paved, and it is now admitted that the work was well and admirably done. Some idea of the improvements that Shepherd made in Washington may be gleaned from these interesting figures. He planted more than 10,000 trees and paved 118 miles of streets, besides laying 207 miles of sidewalks. His army of men dug and carted away 3,340,000 cubic yards of earth. He had constructed 317,196 feet of pipe sewers of 12 to 15 inches in diameter; four miles of sewers from 10 to 30 feet in diameter and over five miles of sewers from 3 to 7 feet in diameter. He laid 30 miles of water pipe and nearly 60 miles of gas pipe. In addition to this he constructed 39 miles of roads in the suburbs of the city.

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BIG SQUAW AUCTION.

Annual Sale of Brides by the Comanche Indians.

Amy Parker, Daughter of Noted Chief, Sold to Wild Horse for 63 Ponies — Other Maidens Also Brought Good Prices.

A correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean writes that the annual distribution of Comanche Indian brides has just occurred at the Saddle Mountain mission, in southern Oklahoma. Fifty of the prettiest women of the tribe were sold at public auction as the wives of tribesmen who bid them in. This barbaric custom was to have been discontinued by the Comanches last year, but it went on more boldly than ever this season, being conducted under the very eyes of the white settlers.

The festival of the Comanche "pony smoke," as this ceremony is called, is of more than passing interest. Seldom are so many young squaws auctioned off as was done this year, but the surplus was great and needed thinning out, according to the head men of the tribe. Their parents, refusing to keep them any longer, the girls naturally needed homes somewhere, and it was deemed best by the medicine men to auction them off as wives, the highest bidders to take their choice. Big Bow, a monstrous fat and ugly redskin, acted as the auctioneer. He was assisted by a number of medicine men, who performed the marriage ceremonies after the sales had been made.

Five hundred Indians gathered at the Saddle Mountain mission. This mission is located 30 miles directly south of Mountain View, and on the range of the Wichita mountains. The girls who were sold had been confined in a lodge for three weeks prior to this meeting, and were well fed and extremely well groomed. They were all clad in gay colors, and their hair arranged in perfect Indian fashion. It was plain to see that their parents had prepared them to bring fancy prices. The girls were in various

TRIED TO KILL HER HUSBAND.

moods; some hysterical, others calm, and not a few delighted with the experience.

Among others was a daughter of the famous Quahnah Parker, the noted Comanche Indian chief. This daughter, whose name is Amy, had displeased him by attempting to run away and marry a white man, and a cowboy at that, so Parker decided that the best thing would be to sell her at auction. This is the first time that Parker, who is counted by his white neighbors a highly cultivated red man, has ever allowed any of his relatives to be sacrificed at the auction block. But the wrath of an Indian parent knows no bounds.

Sad and silent, Amy Parker was led to the block for sale. The first bid was 11 ponies. Jack Wild Horse, a well-known scout of the tribe, was the bidder. He was immediately raised by a rival, likewise a scout. This latter claimant bid 15. Others then cut in, and Miss Parker was run up to 50 ponies. Her face grew pale when she saw that Wild Horse was determined to get her, as he is known as the most desperate savage on the reservation when drunk and angered. It is said that he has killed three wives when drunk. Wild Horse, however, won the young squaw for 63 ponies. The stock was turned over to Parker, and a medicine man married Wild Horse and the squaw, according to the Comanche rites. The couple then went to El Reno, where a regular marriage license was issued to them and the ceremony repeated by a pale-face minister. Although the marriage took place only three days ago, a dispatch from Lawton says that she attempted to commit suicide after failing in an attempt to kill her new husband.

Other young women objected quite as strongly as Miss Parker did to being auctioned off, but it did them no good whatever. Big Bow went ahead with the sale until every one of them was sold. The lowest bid made for any of them was 20 ponies. This was the price paid for a half-breed woman who had been married to a white man, but, the latter having died, she reverted back to her parents again.

In all over 1,500 ponies changed hands in the three days of the big bridal auction. Not for many years have the squaws commanded such spirited bidding and big prices as in this latest event of its kind among the Comanches.

Not a Question of Brightness.

A young man may be as bright as a dollar, but some girls would rather have the dollar.—Chicago Daily News.

BEES IN HIS PARLOR.

But Owner of the House Didn't Know It Until the Busy Insects Began to Sting Him.

For some time past bees have been annoying the family of James R. Clements, of Rochester, N. Y. Every day or so a bee would crawl out of the opening made for one of the sliding doors between the sitting-room and the parlor. Lazily poising itself, the bee would fly about the room until its career was cut short by a slap from the palm of Mr. Clements or somebody else in the house. But another bee would come forth to take the place of the slaughtered one.

It finally dawned upon Mr. Clements that he was keeping bees in his

"HONEY! BUSHELS OF IT."

house. The discovery made no particular impression on him until the other day, when one of them stung him.

Hot water was thereupon procured and the spot whence the bees issued was deluged with it, but hot water was a failure so far as concerns the extermination of the bees. So were other devices for circumventing insect marauders in the homes of men.

While Mr. Clements was still hot upon the trail of the bees another member of the family came into contact with one of the small disturbers, and after a brief struggle, although the bee was destroyed, a couple of pieces of furniture were sacrificed and the happiness of the family was disturbed.

That night carpenters were sent for, and upon the day following there was a sound of loud hammering and ripping and tearing of wood. Mr. Clements, from another part of the house, directed the attack.

The workmen tore away a couple of partitions and then discovered that a whole swarm of bees had taken up its abode there. Many had perished, but still there was a large, active contingent, and they resisted the intrusion. But sweet were the fruits of victory.

"Honey! bushels of it!" shouted one of the carpenters, tearing into the room where Mr. Clements was sitting.

Further investigation, after the bees had been driven away, showed the presence of 30 pounds of delicious honey. It cost Mr. Clements $185 to put his house in repair.

NO BUSINESS DONE.

Life Insurance Man Meets a Bright Youngster and His Waterloo at the Same Time.

He was comparatively new at the business and had already found out that the life of an insurance agent is not all a bed of roses, but he was fully determined to make a good record in the small town he had selected for his operations. At one house his ring was answered by a comely

"I HAVE NO HUSBAND."

young woman, who waited calmly for him to state his business.

"Is your husband insured, madam?" he began, in an ingratiating fashion.

"No," she responded.

"Indeed!" he answered, confident that he had found a bonanza. "Do you not think he should be insured?"

"No," with the same calmness.

This was a staggerer, but he promptly rallied.

"Why, madam, do you not think that he owes it as a sacred duty to you and his family that his life should be insured?"

"No; I do not."

"You do not! Will you please tell me why?"

"Certainly. I have no husband. Good morning." And the interview was closed.

Sad, But True.

Some people think they are entitled to a lot of praise for the things they don't do.

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Rev. Garland Penn, author of the Afro-American Press, and its editor was in attendanc at the Methodist M. E. Conference. Rev. Penn is an important factor in this denomination.

Marcellus Coles was convicted of murder in the Criminal Court on last Wednesday. Mr. Ashly M. Gould represented the government and Mr. John W. Patterson, the defendant.

Mrs. Nonoby who resides at 993½ Florida ave., n. w. while in her yard the other day was starting to enter her house when she noticed a pool of water near the back kitchen door. As she was about to walk around it, she walked in the water and the earth gave way and she fell across a beam which saved her from falling into a well of ten feet of water. It is said that the well has been there for several years and it was thought that the well had been filled in by the tenants who occupied the house several years ago. The lady is seriously ill at her home.

The friends of the Officers and enlisted men of Company A., 1st Separate Battalion, D. C. N. G., were royally entertained last Thursday evening at their armory, 708 O Street, N. W., about two hundred invited guests being present. The Monumental Orchestra, under the leadership of Prof Hamilton, rendered exceptionally fine music. During the intermission, a delighted repast was served, after which dancing was resumed and continued until an early hour.

Among the invited guest present were Major and Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Judge Terrell, Lieutenant J. E. Walker, F. G. Cordza, Philip B. Brooks, W. B Evans, R. B. Covington, C. H. Davis, W. H. Malvin and wife; Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Scott, Lawrence Bradley, Miss Lenore Randolph, Wm. Thomas Lovette, Miss Louise Prater, Capt. E. L. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harris, Theodore Carroll, Miss Carrington, Dr. Albert Ridgely, Dr. Wm. Lofton, Wm. A. Wells, Miss Helen Bell, Walter Walker, Miss Geneva Walker, Harry A. Smith, Miss Hattie Ross, Geo. Vawter, Wm. Lee, Miss Annie Vawter, J. E. Slaughter, Florence Ricks, Sergent Clements, Miss Olive Clements, Henry Ridely, Miss Effie Storks, Thomas Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Carter, Henry Gordon, Miss Florence Chapman, Misses Gordon, Randolph Dabney, Miss Hattie Scott and Mr. Parker White

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MISS ROSE WEAKENED.

Could Not Carry Out the Matrimonial Joke Planned by Andrew Park, Her Fiance.

Miss Alice Rose, of Sedalia, O., was one of the guests at a maquerade party given on New Year's night at Tonawanda, Pa. Among the men in costume at that time was Andrew Park and in the evening he danced with Miss Rose. He became impressed with the fact that his fair unknown was his fiancee. He accused her of being the girl who had promised to become his bride and when she denied it pressed his suit the harder and finally proposed that they go before a minister and be married before they unmasked.

In a spirit of daring she accepted the challenge, relying upon the fact that he had not obtained the license which was necessary, as Tonawanda is across the line in Pennsylvania. She accompanied him as far as the parsonage, then her courage began to fail. When in response to his summons the minister appeared at the door and she falteringly responded with: "But you haven't a license." "O, yes," replied Park, pulling it from his pocket. "I got that yesterday."

With a scream Miss Rose swooned at the feet of the minister. It was only for an instant, however, for as they raised her to her feet she recovered, and, springing from the arms of Park, dashed into the darkness before her mask could be removed.

Lake Created by Beavers.

The beavers are busy on the Aroostook river, near Caribou, Me. They have built a dam of logs and mud 250 feet long, turning the river back upon the lowlands for a distance of three miles, and thus creating a great lake. Trees a foot in diameter have been cut down by the beavers, the branches trimmed off, and the trunks in some mysterious manner brought to the dam and submerged.

After Meeting.

"Bishop," said the young preacher, "I know you were hitting at me when you denounced fine apparel and jewelry, for I wear a velvet vest and a watch and chain."

"No, brother," replied the bishop, with a twinkle in his eye, "for I half suspect your vest is cotton velvet, and as for the watch, I never gave you credit for more than a Waterbury!"—Atlanta Constitution.

LIMIT OF BRAVERY.

Woman, Courageous in Most Things, Quailed at Sight of a Man Under a Bed.

In a thriving town in Mississippi lives an old maid who is looked upon by her neighbors as a veritable fire-eater. Some say she is absolutely without the feeling of fear under any circumstances. Stories of her exploits and her daring are a part of the community history, and are frequently repeated to the timid with the hope of stimulating their courage and to negative the idea of becoming frightened at the mere hobgobblins of life. She is an aunt to two girls and they look upon her as the incarnation of fire-eating fearlessness. They had retired to their room one night a few weeks ago

SHE FORGOT HER NERVE.

and were fixing to go to bed. Suddenly they discovered in some way that there was a man in the room. He was under the bed, too. They jumped into bed, and quickly decided that they would call to their old maid aunt, who was in the next room. One of them called out to her that the other had been taken suddenly sick and needed medicine at once.

The aunt rushed into the room. She had scarcely closed the door when one of the frightened girls cried out to her that there was a man under the bed. She forgot her nerve and simply flew over into the center of the bed, and seemed to be as badly frightened as the girls. No doubt she was. She was game enough, ordinarily, but when it came to the man under the bed, that creature who is universally dreaded by women, well, this was one thing even the game and good aunt could not face. The miscreant finally left his hiding place and fled. The moral of this yarn is that there is limit to the bravery of even the most daring of old maids, and the same is reached when a man hideth under the bed.

NO TROUBLE TO WEEP.

Scotch Photographer Is Visited by a Customer Who Had Tears Constantly on Tap.

The Edinburgh Scotsman tells the following funny incident in the life of a photographer. A man came in the other day and looked over all the samples, asking the price of each.

"Do you want a sitting?" I asked.

"I don't see nothin' like what I want," he replied.

"I told him if he would indicate what he wanted that I might arrange it.

"I don't know as you can," he said,

"I CAN WEEP ANYWHERE."

"for I don't see nothin' at all like what I want."

I repeated what I had already said. He asked me to sit while he told me.

"You see, it's like this," he began. "I had a girl that I loved, and we was going to git married. She had her things made up and we was all but ready when she was taken ill and died. And what I wanted was a picture of me sittin' on her grave weepin'."

I was touched at the homely story of grief, and told him I could send a man with him to the grave and have the picture taken as he desired.

"It's some distance," he said. "It's over in Ireland. I expect it 'ud cost a lot to send over your traps for what I want!"

I said it would.

"I thought," he answered, "that mebbe you could rig up a grave here in your shop and I would weep on it, and it would do just as well. It's no trouble for me to weep anywhere."

Polecat in a Reservoir.

A polecat wandered into the reservoir at Winchester, Va., through an overflow pipe, and in a short time the water became so tainted that the entire supply had to be drawn off.

To Travel Among the Indians.

Dr. A. Hudlicks has just started on his fourth expedition among the Indians of southwestern United States and northern Mexico to continue his anthropological explorations.

Gen. Hamilton's Spectacles.

A very remarkable story is current with regard to Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton's spectacles. It appears that the gallant officer, then a subaltern, lost a pair of spectacles in the battle of Majuba hill. They were apparently picked up by a Boer, whom they suited, and who kept them for 20 years. In the early part of the present year the spectacles were found on the body of a dead Boer. The case had Gen. Hamilton's name on it, and they were in due course returned to their original owner.

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Never Singly.

"Ah, old man! I hear you've had an addition to your family."

"Yes, two."

"Not twins?"

"Oh, no; the baby and my wife's mother!"—Town Topics.

The Verdict.

"Miss Holler says she thinks she will have her voice tried."

"Well, if she does the verdict will be 'Guilty of murder in the first degree.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Suggestive.

"So your husband died while you were abroad," said the hostess.

"Yes," replied the young widow of old Mr. Skinflint, with an appropriately mournful sigh; "poor John has gone to his final reward."

"Beg pardon," said the host, suddenly, "that reminds me I must go down and look at the furnace fire."—Philadelphia Press.

The Man Who Knows.

Mrs. Scribbler—That manuscript of mine is first-class.

Mr. Scribbler—Who told you?

"The man I bought the stamps from in the post office."—Philadelphia Record.

Wild Cranberry Jam.

A wild cranberry called "tranbar" in Swedish, for which no use ever has been found in the Scandinavian countries, has now found a market in Germany, 2,234 quarts having been shipped recently to one firm in Chemnitz. The Germans convert the berries into a jam that bids fair to rival English preserves.

Danced a Bit Too Lively.

A man in Norristown, Pa., who was supposed to have dropped dead at a ball, was found, on medical examination, to have broken his neck by running into a wall while dancing a jig.

The Soul of Courtesy.

She—Was papa kind to you?

He—Oh, very considerate. After he got through with me he rang for an ambulance.—Town Topics.

Loss.

"I was so sorry to hear you had lost your little one, Mrs. Baggerson. I can sympathize with you deeply."

"Yes, it was awful hard, after we'd been to all the trouble of gettin' her through the measles and mumps and whoopin' cough."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Warm Time.

"When I said I'd go through fire for her I didn't know how near the truth I was coming."

"That so?"

"Yes; yesterday I had to lick two or three of her old flames."—Chicago Daily News.

Practical Athletics.

Visitor—Why, what is that terrible noise? Is the house tumbling down?

Mrs. Uptodate—Oh, no; that's only Geraldine punching the bag. She's getting into training for Ketchum & Skinem's bargain sale next Friday.—Brooklyn Life.

Many from One.

Tess—So you're really engaged?

Jess—Yes, and to think I should do it after rejecting nearly 50 proposals.

Tess—Fifty? Well, well, what a persistent young man he must be.—Philadelphia Press.

Quite Brief.

A giant asked a pygmy
The loan of ten, in pelf.
"Can't do it," said the little one,
"Because I'm short myself."
—Radford Review.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

Mistress (severely)—Mary, I saw the milkman kiss you! I shall take in the milk myself to-morrow.

Mary—Lor! mum, it wouldn't be no use if you did—'cos Bill wouldn't kiss you. He never kisses anyone but me. —Ally Sloper.

The Bliss of It.

While I slave in the strife
To make gold for the Mrs.
The pet dog of my wife
Lives on cream puffs and Krs.
To lead a dog's life.
Faith, the acme of bliss.
—Philadelphia Press.

Happy Ever Afterward.

"Did her father kick you out last night?"

"No; he missed me, lost his balance, and I carried him into the house and was forgiven."—Answers.

Proof Positive.

Amy—I am certain that Florence is an egotist.

Maud—Why do you think so?

Amy—Because she is always saying: "Oh, dear me!"—Judge.

He Wouldn't Tell.

First Broker—Did you win or lose in that big drop in stocks to-day?

Second Broker (loftily)—That's my business, sir. Say, can you direct me to a five-cent lunch counter?—N. Y. Weekly.

Not a Sure Test.

He—You must have known from the first that I was in love with you, by my actions.

She—But it's natural for some men to be foolish!—Puck.

BEGINNINGS IN NEW YORK.

The first paper money was issued in 1709.

The first quarantine was established in 1737.

The first street used for building purposes was Pearl.

The first city hall was used by the city magistrates in 1655.

The first shock of earthquake felt in New York by Europeans was in 1663.

Flour was first bolted in 1650 by Pieter Couwenhoven and his brother Jacob.

The first native-born mayor was Stephanus Van Cortlandt, appointed in 1677.

The first steps in the direction of police regulations were taken by the city in 1654.

The first man sentenced to be hanged for murder was a negro known as the Giant (1641.)

The first graveyard (God's Acre) was laid out in 1633 west of Broadway above Morris street.

The first money appropriated by the city for the cleaning of the streets was in 1696. The amount was £20.

The first prison on the island was a small room on the first floor of the Stadthuys (city hall); it was opened in 1655.

The city was first divided into wards in 1683. They numbered six: South North, East, West, Dock and Out wards.

The first official census was taken in 1656. The inhabitants were found to number 1,000, of whom a large percentage were negroes.

The first fire company was organized in 1657. It was called Rattle Watch and consisted of eight men; 250 fire buckets, with hooks and ladders, were imported from Holland.

The streets were first lighted in 1697. The housekeeper of every seventh house on a street was obliged to hang out on a pole a lantern with a candle in it, the charges to be defrayed equally by the inhabitants of the seven houses.

SHOP TALK.

A cruller or doughnut spoon and strainer combined is seen in porcelain. The bowl of the spoon is broad and lifts the cruller from the hot fat, straining the surplus grease at the same time.

Women have once again taken to the notion of color in their handkerchiefs — narrow-colored borders in green, lavender, pink and blue being shown. Some handkerchiefs have printed or colored embroidered designs all over them.

One of the crystal ball clocks which have become so familiar has a military setting. Three black cannon raised tripod fashion support one of these clocks and here and there upon the marble standard are piles of cannon balls finished in gold.

Baroque pearls continue in favor and are used in various ways, among which are flower-shaped heads for hats and stickpins. These appear in all kinds of flower designs, the irregular form of the pearls being made an advantage in fashioning the petals. These pearls are also set in antique gold for hatpins.

There are any number of the beautiful chatelaine bag designs—the one that is carried on the wrist with the chain given a safeguard turn on the fingers being just now the favorite. One in undressed alligator of soft castor color is lovely and exquisite ones in beads are shown with all sorts of gay designs.